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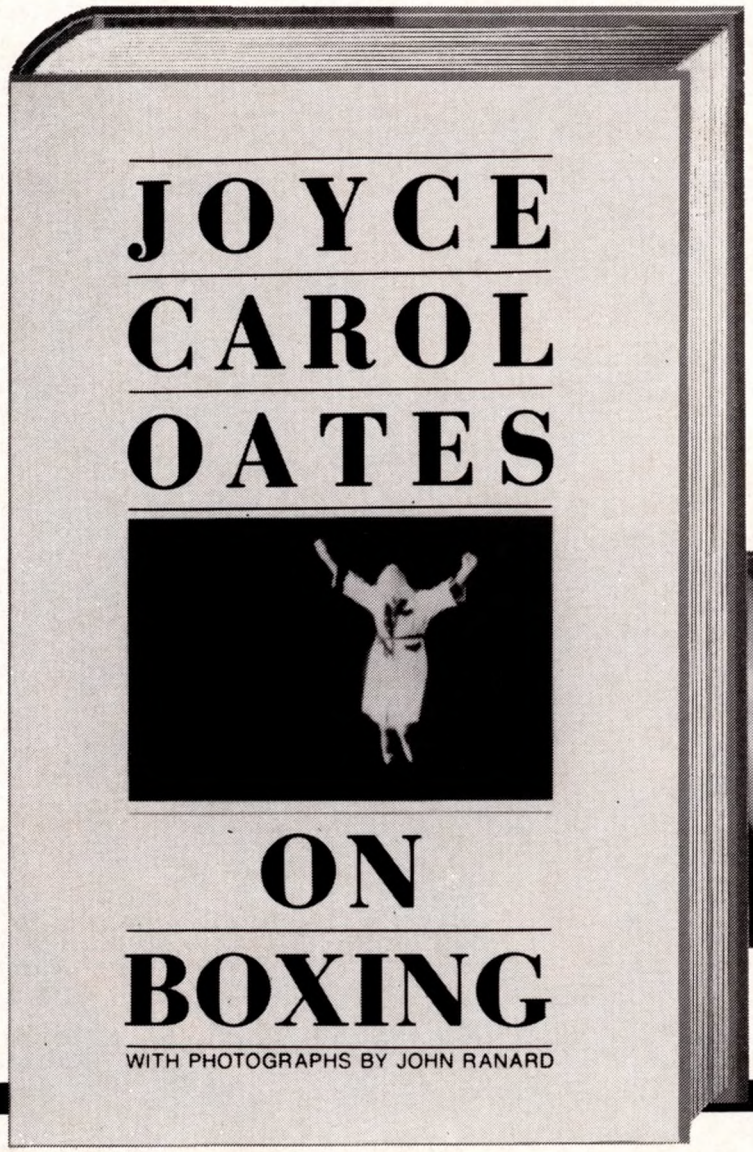

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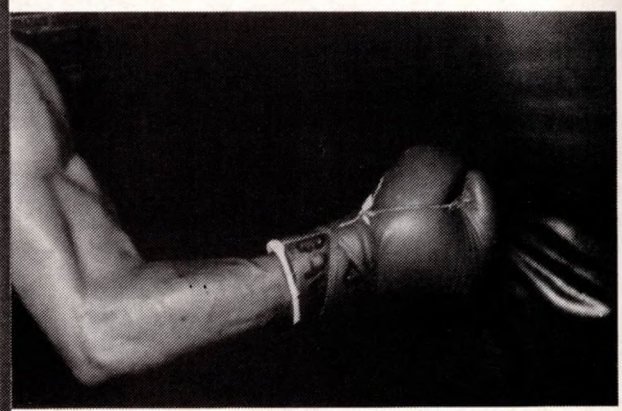

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RINGSIDE

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Remember when Floyd Patterson was ducking Sonny Liston? Nobody stripped Patterson of the heavyweight championship. Instead, the controversy stirred up interest in boxing. The fans and sportswriters took up the cudgels on Liston's behalf, finally prodding Patterson into doing the honorable thing. Even John F. Kennedy got into the act.

Now, wasn't that a lot better than the crap that is going down today?

Just look what the Alphabet Boys are doing to boxing: The World Boxing Association recently stripped Marvelous Marvin Hagler—of all fighters—of the middleweight title. Are they kidding? Do these guys actually *want* to look like jerks in the eyes of every boxing fan in the world? Hagler is the most respected champion in boxing. He's paid the cost to be the boss. His claim to the title is undeniable.

If that wasn't enough, the Newark, New Jersey branch of the Alphabet Boys (otherwise known as the International Boxing Federation) also got into the act, stripping Michael Spinks of its version of the heavyweight title. This was the last thing boxing needed, especially at a time when we were just one fight away from unifying the heavyweight crown.

I won't even bother to argue the relative merits of the Hagler and Spinks cases. *The Ring* has never stripped a champion of his title, and never will. While there have always been champions who abused their position (John L. Sullivan refused to defend against black fighters, for instance), these things have a way of working themselves out without the meddling of any so-called governing body.

The damage caused by stripping a champion is invariably far worse for boxing than any problem the offending titleholder may have precipitated. It also sets a disastrous precedent and gives birth to an epidemic of phony world champions.

The best way to combat the Alphabet Boys is to ignore them. *The Ring* calls for all boxing fans to help put a stop to this nonsense. A good start would be a letter writing campaign aimed at television networks. Let the executives at ABC, NBC, CBS, HBO, SHOWTIME, etc. know that a good match doesn't have to be sanctioned by some group of self-serving fatcats in order to make attractive viewing. It's time to take boxing back from those who have turned it into a farce and return power to those who pay the freight and really have the sport's best interest at heart—the fans.

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Come Out Writing

Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson is still a big favorite with readers of THE RING. See "Patterson Still Popular" in this month's Come Out Writing.

WHERE DID HE GET THOSE SHOES?

After recently viewing the very entertaining 10-round bout between Vinny Pazienza and Roberto Elizondo, a few questions come to mind that I hope you will be able to answer.

• First, did Pazienza steal those red shoes he was wearing from Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz?"

Second, is there any known treatment or possible cure for the dreaded disease known as H.C.S. (Hector Camacho Syndrome)?

Third, which came first, W.C. Fields' nose or Ferdie Pacheco's proboscis?

And last, but certainly not least, has Lou Duva ever swallowed any of those marbles that he evidentally carries around in his mouth when he is asked to speak on television?

TEDDY MANN
Toms River, N.J.

PATTERSON STILL POPULAR

I enjoyed your February '87 feature ("The Political Heavyweight" by Joseph D'O'Brian) on Floyd Patterson who was, and still is, one of my favorite fighters. I don't believe he was political, just timely. He fit in very well with the clean cut stars of the Eisenhower Era such as Pat Boone and Doris Day. I believe it is difficult to determine just how good Floyd was because he was a light heavyweight fighting as a heavyweight. A fight between Floyd and Bob Foster would have been far more interesting than his defeats by Liston. Floyd should have gone for the silver instead of the gold.

ROBERT TAKAROFF
Queens, N.Y.

I enjoyed D'O'Brian's article on Floyd Patterson. I always liked Patterson and thought he was a helluva fighter. Aside from all this black-white foolishness, he was a decent guy of average size and weight who conquered his fear and got in there with the monsters. Patterson was a small cruiserweight. No one called Bob Foster a bum when he got blasted out by Ali. Light heavies aren't supposed to be able to withstand heavyweight punching. It's no wonder he got knocked down so often. What is amazing is that he got back up and came right back at 'em. Patterson fought heavyweights 40 times and beat 32 of them, 25 by knockout. I'd like to see Michael Spinks do that!

BOB BORDIER
Long Beach, Calif.

CZYZ NO MARCIANO

I just read your piece on Bobby Czyz ("Is Bobby Czyz Boxing's Next All-American Hero?", Feb. '87), and I think it's nice to see a white face getting ink besides Cooney and Mancini. But I hope that Bobby wakes up and doesn't get carried away now that he's a "champion" and a "star."

In fact, he is not champion. He's just a blown up middleweight who somehow got a fight with Slobo-what's-his-name—another rugged, first-rater from that fighter-rich country of Yugoslavia.

I don't dislike Czyz, but let's face it, the first real fighter he meets will do the same thing (Mustafa) Hamsho did to him. Please let's not make Bobby sound like the second coming of Rocky Marciano.

P. LAZZATI
Baltimore, Md.

FANS WANT TYSON-SPINKS

I'd like to respond to Butch Lewis' comment that Spinks-Cooney is the fight fans want to see because it's black vs. white and because there's still a lot of racism ("Butch Lewis Interview," *The Ring*, Dec. '86). I've spoken to other fans and the consensus is that Lewis is wrong. What we want to see is a unified title and an exciting, colorful champion. What Lewis wants is a safe fight for Spinks. While a Tyson-Spinks match would probably end Michael's career, it's what we want to see.

KENT BALMER
Yokisuka, Japan

Round One

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

It has been said that nothing is permanent except change. This is as true for *The Ring* as anything else.

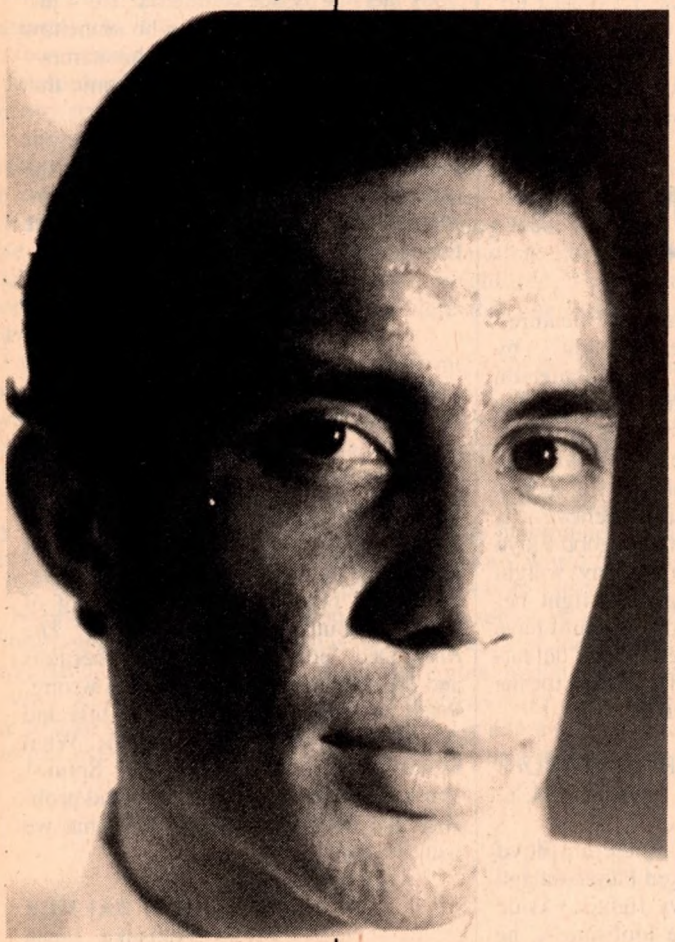
For over nine years, **Herbert G. Goldman** has been to *The Ring* as the Rock of Gibraltar has been to the British Empire. Since he joined the team as a production assistant in February of 1978, Herb has been one of the few constants in an often stormy sea of vicissitude. He has served under two sets of owners, three publishers and four editors (God bless him). Through it all, Herb has done a yeoman job, providing a reassuring continuity to both co-workers and readers, alike.

Herb has worn many hats during his lengthy service to *The Ring*—and worn them well. For much of the past nine years he has been both managing editor and resident historian. Beginning with the 1984 volume, and continuing through the '85 and the '86/87 editions, Herb also has been Editor-In-Chief of *The Ring Record Book & Boxing Encyclopedia*, often working double shifts in order to produce some of the best boxing record books of all time. But that's not all! Somehow, he also found time to write his popular monthly column, "Solid Goldman."

Another of Herb's major contributions was the reorganization of *The Ring's* "Rings Around The World" section from a hodgepodge of scattered fight reports into its present, streamlined format. If anyone ever earned his wages, it's been Herbert G. Goldman during his tenure at *The Ring*.

But now the time has come to bid farewell to Herb as he

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN...GOING



PHILL MARDER...COMING

leaves *The Ring* in pursuit of other goals. Both *The Ring* and its readers owe him an undying debt of gratitude. Thank you, Herb. Nat Fleischer would have been proud.

The Ring is extremely lucky to have **Phill Marder** assuming Herb's position as managing editor. A graduate of Lyndon State College in Vermont and a reformed Rock-n-Roll drummer, Phill joins our staff following a 10-year stint as an award-winning sports reporter and columnist for the Camden, New Jersey *Courier Post*, part of the giant Gannett publishing chain.

Though professional boxing was only one of the many beats Phill covered for the *Courier Post*, boxing has been his first love ever since his father took him to the Cambria (a legendary Philadelphia club known affectionately as the "Bucket of Blood") at the age of seven. His own fistic career came to an abrupt halt during his teenage years when opponents discovered that, despite a potent right cross, Phill has the thinnest skin this side of Henry Cooper.

Regular readers of *The Ring* and her former sister publication, *Boxing Illustrated*, are probably familiar with the Marder byline. He wrote the irreverent "Inside A.C." column during the final glory days of *B.I.* and has also penned several features for *The Ring*. I'm sure readers will enjoy his stingingly insightful wit and all-around professionalism.

Welcome aboard, Phill.

Round One

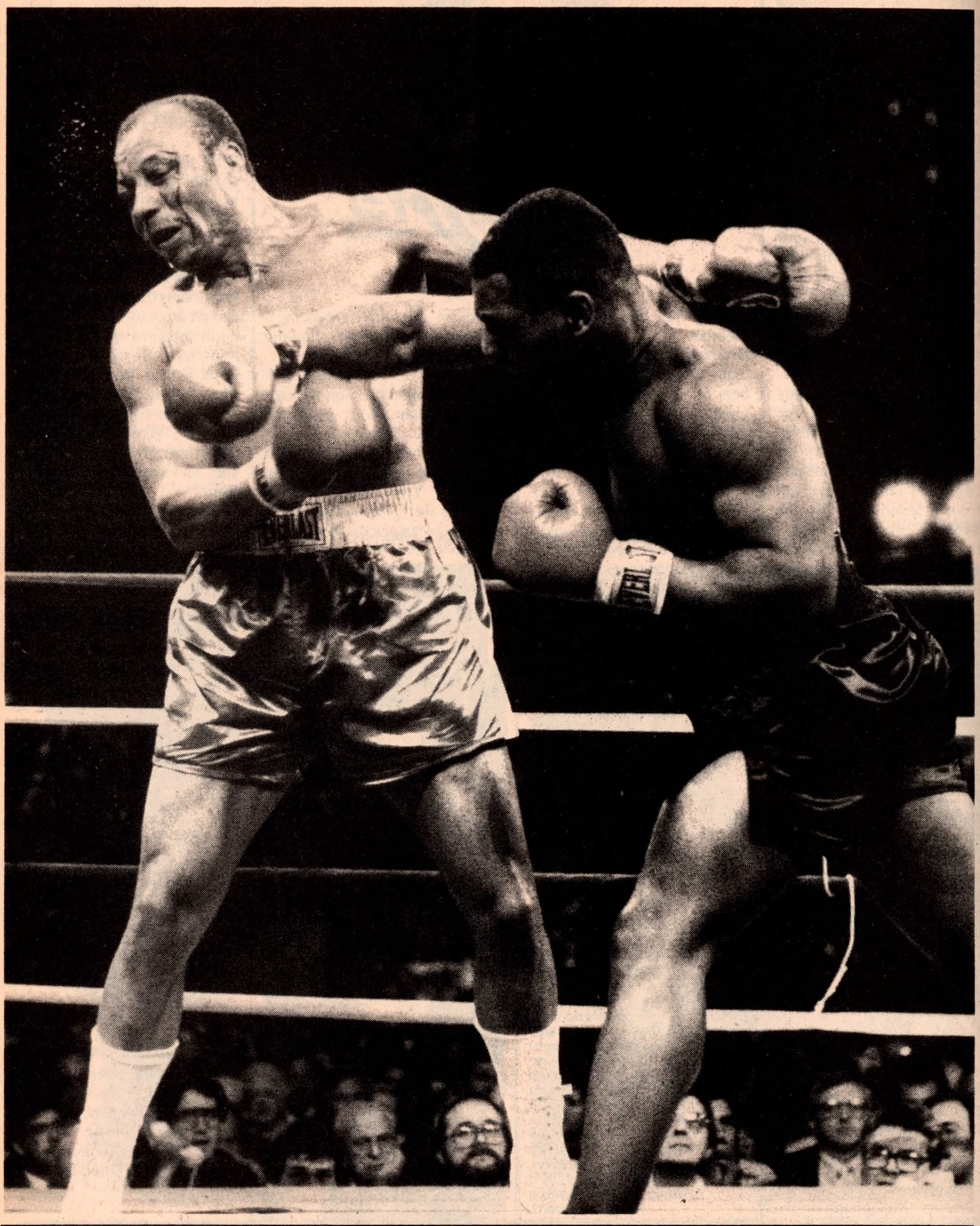
ROSIN DUST

Light heavyweight prospect **Seamus McDonagh** is far from a one-trick pony. Besides juggling a budding boxing career (9-0) and a full course of studies at St. John's University, McDonagh is also kicking up his heels as a member of the "Blues Brothers East," a zany dance team comprised of 20 members of St. John's Sigma Chi Upsilon fraternity. The "BBE" will perform its high jinks eight times this season during halftime of the New York Knickerbockers' basketball games at Madison Square Garden. Though McDonagh admits there is a greater "margin for error" dancing in the ring, he also claims, "There is a similar feeling when you're out there (dancing). The adrenalin starts flowing and you get psyched to perform." . . . WBC and IBF welterweight champion **Lloyd Honeyghan** was presented with the Prime Minister's Award in his native Jamaica . . . Former middleweight champ **Vito Antuofermo** is doing well. He already operates a pizza place in Richmond Hill and a Coca-Cola distributorship in Bay Ridge, and is now hoping to open an Italian restaurant in Bensonhurst . . . Popular light heavyweight **Henry Milligan** has retired following his knockout loss to **Frank Minton.** Milligan, a Princeton engineering graduate, finished with a 13-2 (12 KOs) pro record . . . Lawyers for former WBC and WBA heavyweight champion **Tim Witherspoon** have filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan seeking $3 million damages from **Don** and **Carl King.** The suit charges the Kings with five counts of restraint of trade and an array of breach of contract, break of trust, defamation and civil rights charges. Also named in the suit are **Jose Torres**, head of the New York State Athletic Commission, the **World Boxing Association, Monarch Boxing Inc.** and **Don King Productions** . . . Torres and the WBA are named as alleged conspirators in some of the charges . . . Former world junior welterweight champion **Aaron Pryor** has been charged with one count of sexual battery with a deadly weapon, one count of kidnapping, two counts of aggravated battery and six counts of aggressive assault with a firearm in a case involving a Florida woman who accused Pryor of pistol-whipping her and holding her hostage for 24 hours. Pryor was arrested at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had gone for treatment of a gunshot wound of the hand. Miami Circuit Judge Arthur Snyder freed Pryor on $50,000 bond, saying that the prosecution witnesses' credibility "leaves a lot to be desired."

Lauro Salas, former world lightweight champion, died of cancer February 11 at the age of 58 in Monterrey, Mexico, his place of birth. Salas, who also held the California featherweight championship, lost a 15-round decision to Jimmy Carter in his first crack at the lightweight crown, then beat Carter over 15 rounds, May 14, 1952, to gain the championship. He lost the title in a third match with Carter just five months later, again by decision, but continued fighting until 1961, finishing his career with a 147-57-14 record.

PUNCH LINES

HBO's **Larry Merchant,** commenting during **Mike Tyson's** less-than-scintillating performance against **Bonecrusher Smith**: "Do you think Tyson looks good enough to fight Tyrell Biggs?" □



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Mike Tyson (right) didn't catch Bonecrusher Smith as often as he would have liked, but when he did, it was usually with a solid shot such as this potent right to the chin.

BONE-AFIDE BUMMER

Tyson Wins WBA Title In Disappointing Encounter With "Boneclutcher" Smith

by Jack Welsh

IN THE YEARS TO COME, CIRCUMSTANCES figure Mike Tyson will someday be telling the children he is apt to sire about the weird night in Las Vegas "when daddy really came through in the clutch." Such bedtime yarns will probably surface when the 20-year-old fistic phenomenon has acquired a spouse and is no longer connected to the world's heavyweight championship.

Should the brood move toward the rambunctious on this particular night around the family hearth, Mike doesn't figure to take such stern measures as wheeling out a video tape of that 12-round exercise when James Odell "Bonecrusher" Smith literally put on the squeeze in an unsuccessful bid to prove a good big man always beats a good little man.

Of course, kids dig comics and Tyson wouldn't be out of line in dialoguing how boxing had a real life Mutt and Jeff presentation which threatened to be deluged by an early morning rain. From a purist point of view, there were some dissenters who regretted the tender mercies of the weatherman being so cooperative.

Despite earning $2.5 million from what he considered a psychological downer, Tyson was slightly petulant as he jetted eastward over the magnificent Nevada desert 48 hours after adding Smith's World Boxing Association crown as a trophy twin to the World Boxing Council diadem Mike was defending in turn at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel-Casino.

Mike's elation in winning two-thirds of the big prize in the Heavyweight World Series simply could not manifest itself in what was unquestionably one of the greatest championship bores in the division's history.

Just how much savvy Mike will gain from the monotonous clutching and tugging inflicted by the powerful arms and torso of a 6'4", 233-pound adversary remains to be seen. But it's certain that if this 219-pound, 5'10" man-child impersonating a bulldozer ever gets trapped in a marathon waltz anywhere again, he'll insist his partner be of the opposite sex.

Tyson obviously was embarrassed. He closed as a -$8.50 favorite in most of Nevada's licensed sports books to snatch Smith's three-months old title early. In failing to record his 27th knockout with his 29th straight victory, Mike also didn't fulfill the wagering proposition at -$1.60 that the bout would not go four full rounds.

As Herbie Lambeck, veteran Vegas linemaker, noted: "Every square in the world bet the fight wouldn't go for four rounds."

Taking the reasonably hyped matchup to a 12-round conclusion in such unorthodox fashion was zilch for both fighters' reputations and a total disservice to the 13,851 spectators, paying $75 to $750 ringside (there's always a flood of comps for super high rollers on this kind of fight) for a live gate of $3,199,250.

The culprit in making this presentation a bonafide bummer was Smith, who just seemed to want to tell the good ole folks back in Lilington, North Carolina, that "Tyson couldn't knock out the 'Bonecrusher'." The only college graduate (Smith University, Raleigh, N.C., business administration, 1975) ever to win a piece of the heavyweight crown tied up Tyson—by actual finger count—an incredible 74 times, giving the highly capable referee, Mills Lane, the most horrendous night of his outstanding career.

Lane, a district attorney from Reno, took points away from Smith for repeated holding in the second and eighth rounds. You got the idea what kind of night it was going to be when the muscular Smith locked Tyson's arms in varied fashion five times in the first round. Mike, who must have felt like he was trying to escape a revolving hotel door during a convention, briefly blew his cool and swatted the other champion in the chops in a post-first round staredown.

Donna Summers, appearing at the Hilton, was superb singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Somebody should have kept her around for a couple of renditions of "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie."

Mike Tyson is truly one of America's most dedicated athletes, coming west five weeks before the fight to wrap up two months of conditioning in a near-monastic environment amid this mecca of glitzy neon and glamour. Make no mistake, Tyson's irritation shone clearly in a recap for an international media.

"If guys are planning on grabbing me in the ring like that, it will ruin boxing because people don't want to see that,"

the dual champion said. "I feel very bad that people boo on a fight like that. I don't mind losing and losing in a good fight, but I want to lose with you doing your best and me doing my best. Beat me at my best . . . don't let me win like that without any effort.

"Smith was grabbing, trying to break my concentration, but I know I won every round . . . it was a very easy fight. Smith kept talking to me, saying, 'Come on, Mike, watch what you're doing.' When you're fighting, you're not supposed to say things like that. I was calm all the time. After the first bell, Smith was trying to rough me up inside, pushing me with his legs, so I hit him."

Smith arrived in Vegas two weeks before the fight from his training base in Fayetteville, N.C. He was never in awe of Tyson in the countdown to action. Both combatants were duly respectful in their utterings, but the WBC champion countered "Bonecrusher's" talk of a possible kayo inside five rounds, thusly:

"I'd love nothing better than to have Smith coming rushing at me trying to land his right hand. But if he does do that, I'm sure it will be seriously injurious to his health."

"Tyson's process of intimidation has worked very well for him," Smith declared 48 hours before the fight. "It even worked against Trevor Berbick and that really surprised me. He's had half his fights already won by the time he hits the ring. Intimidation has done it. Some of the guys were scared to death."

All things considered, Smith not only shut down Tyson's vaunted power with his bear-like vise of muscle, but he repeatedly spun or walked a frustrated Mike along the ropes. There were times when Tyson's head became a potential weapon as he placed it high on Smith's chest while digging in for some serious trench warfare. When Mike did score, it was with hooks arching high on top of the enemy's head, or uppercuts coming up on an angle with limited impact.

Then there were times when Smith, who learned to fight in the Army in West Germany at 24, walked away from Tyson, ala Jersey Joe Walcott. But unlike the popular former heavyweight champion (1951-52), "Bonecrusher" made no effort to spin and sucker punch the scowling Tyson with his bread 'n butter right.

Although Smith, now with a 19-6, 14 KOs calling card, repeatedly insisted he "could knock out Tyson with either hand if he comes to me," rarely did the balding southerner press to prove it. Combinations by "Bonecrusher" were conspicuous by their absence.

Tyson probably caught Smith no more than 15 times with solid blows while trying to punch his way up through "Bonecrusher's" smothering curtain of leaning chest and arms. Tyson and Smith were virtually unmarked considering the number of times they banged heads in those endless, ineffectual inside skirmishes. "Bone" did finish with butterfly stitches for a cut on the outside of his left eye, which he agreed "came from a punch in the second round, but the blood didn't bother me at all."

Tyson, with an 11 inch deficit in reach at 71", rarely threw a punch at long range. In contrast, Smith seemingly didn't punch at all. Until Smith's belated punching in the closing seconds earned him the final round on two scorecards, Tyson was moving to a shutout. Judge Lou Tabat tabbed it 120-106, while Jo-Jo Guerra and Dalby Shirley saw it 119-107. *The Ring* scorecard also had it 119-107.

Mike's contention that he never lost his composure may be suspect, considering he landed a right at the bell ending round two. Tyson also seemed intent on billygoating "Bonecrusher" with his head ending round three. Closing the fourth, the recycled juvenile delinquent from Brooklyn, New York, wasted a glare when Smith turned his back and walked away.

Tyson tried to fluster the big man with shoulders and head feints before lunging upward at his target, only to wind up in a tangle of arms. The assembly, which surprisingly emitted only sporadic catcalls during the tepid combat, came to life just before the bell in the seventh. Smith fired a left-right and Tyson was suddenly on the seat of his pants in his own corner. Mills Lane quickly ruled it a slip.

Smith, who goaded his smaller foe all night by waving his gloves or smiling after taking a punch, ironically threw his best combination just before the final bell—a right that Tyson later admitted had some sting on it.

Sitting on the dais with trainer Emile Griffith, the former six-time world welter and middleweight champion, and manager Alan Kornburg, "Bonecrusher" was subdued in reflection, but gave no insight on his fistic future.

"Tyson is a very good fighter, very hard to hit, especially with my right hand," Smith conceded. "I did get him with a right in the last round which buckled his knees, but the fight was almost over. He's strong, quicker and faster than I thought he was. I was trying to land my punches early in the fight. He caught me early in the fight too. I did the best I could.

"It was part of my tactics to hold early in the fight. He was a better fighter than I thought. We did the best we could, but

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Tyson (right) had great difficulty getting past Bonecrusher's forest-of-arms defense.

Tyson was stronger than we figured. He has a devastating left hook . . . he definitely can punch. But he couldn't knock out the 'Bonecrusher.' My plan was to knock out Tyson, I didn't go in there just to survive. And don't forget he was holding me too."

When Tyson joined his victim on the rostrum, he was wearing the newly won WBA belt across his chest with WBC recognition around his waist.

"I was a little crazy because Smith was doing a lot of grabbing. But he was more frustrated than I was," the two-thirds heavyweight ruler said. "In the last round, he got me with a good shot. It took my legs, but I wasn't hurt and I came right back.

"I was expecting him to rush me and beat me up like he said he was going to do, but he wasn't fighting. Now I have to suffer from the critics because of his actions. It was very tough to put my punches together because Smith was strong and powerful with that clutching."

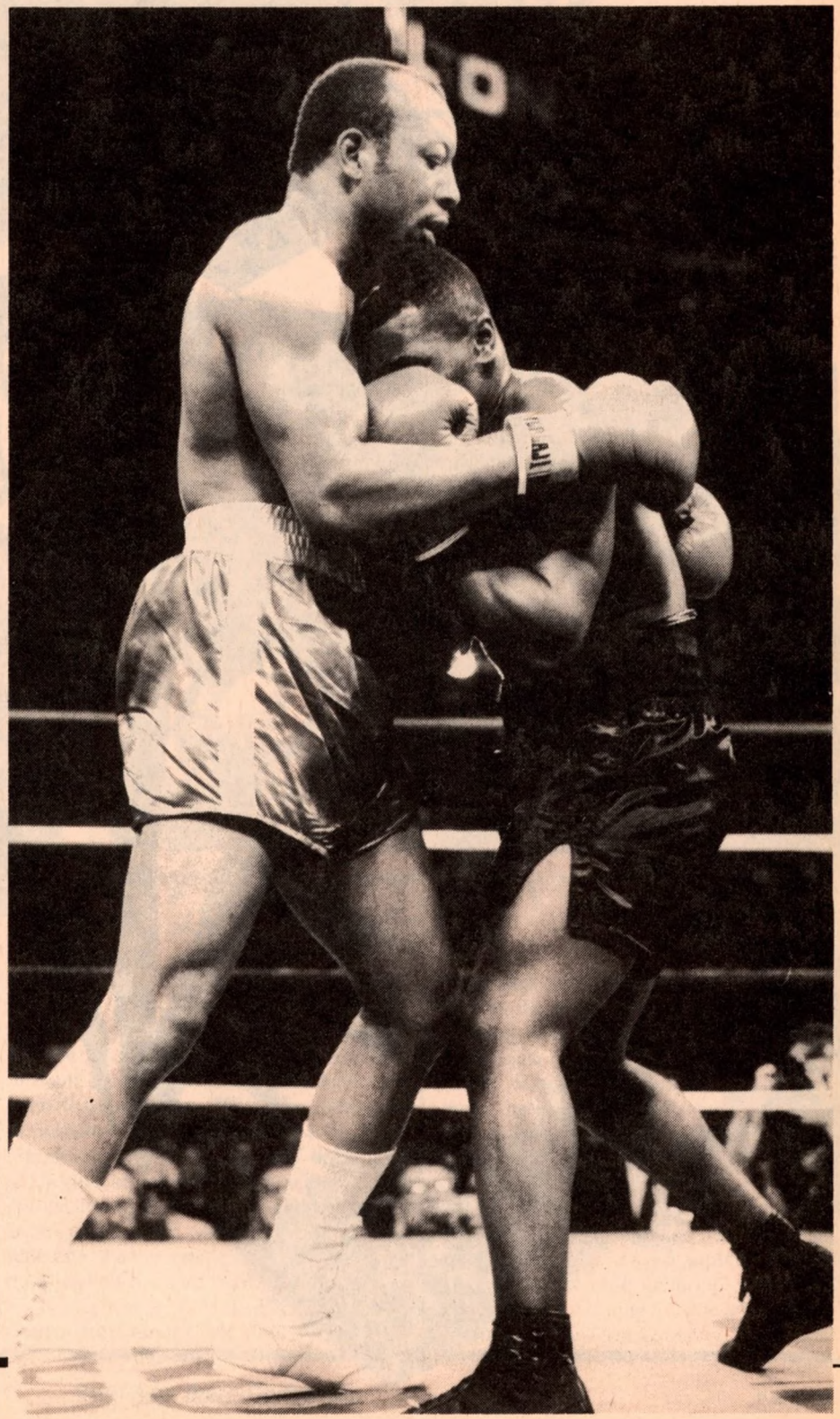
While Tyson was sedate in his review, Kevin Rooney, the ex-welterweight who inherited Mike's training from the late Cus D'Amato, was more critical of "Bonecrusher's" challenge.

"Mike won the fight easy. He made a lot of mistakes, but we'll talk about that in a few weeks when we get home. He could have done some things better, like throw more punches and jabs," the 30-year-old New York-born Irishman declared. "But Smith didn't want to fight . . . he stunk out the joint. If Mike wasn't fighting, the place would have smelled. If 'Bonecrusher' was trying to stink the place out, he did a good job."

"Right now I don't know how much I learned from the Smith fight," said Tyson. "But what I want to know is what are these guys doing who plan on bringing boxing back alive. Fighters have to remember they have to put themselves on the line and expose themselves in battle. The worst thing that can happen to you is you get knocked out . . . you're not dead. I'm a man and I can deal with something like that, or if it's a loss that happens to me. I know I'll be back.

"I think fighters should expose themselves because people out there are looking for entertainment. I don't think I'm a superstar, or idol, but I am an entertainer. This is boxing . . . the most prestigious sport in the world, and I don't think it should be doomed because people involved don't want to give their best effort and make a commitment." □

Typical "action" from the Tyson-Smith bout. Bonecrusher shut down Tyson's attack by wrapping him in a series of bearhugs.



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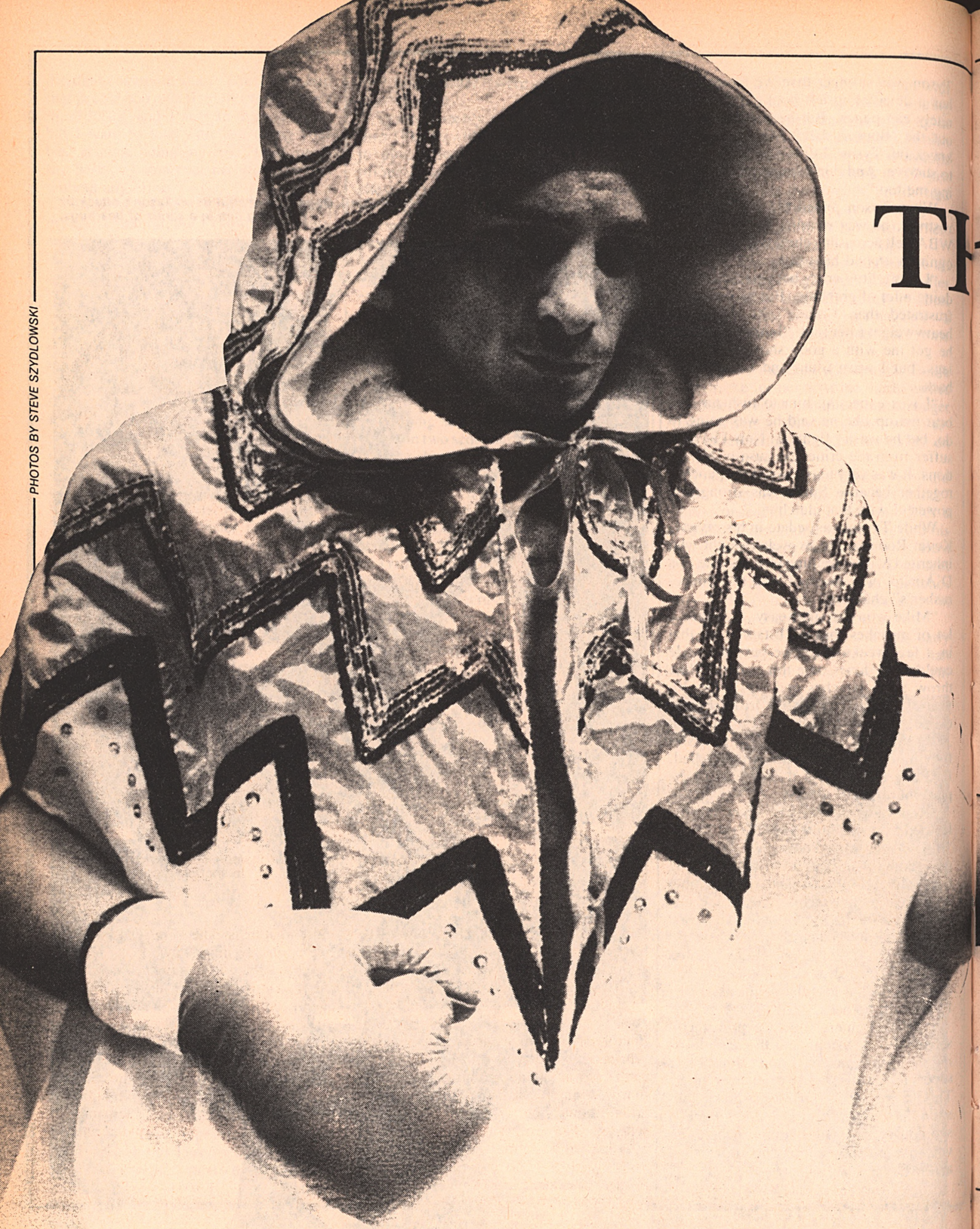
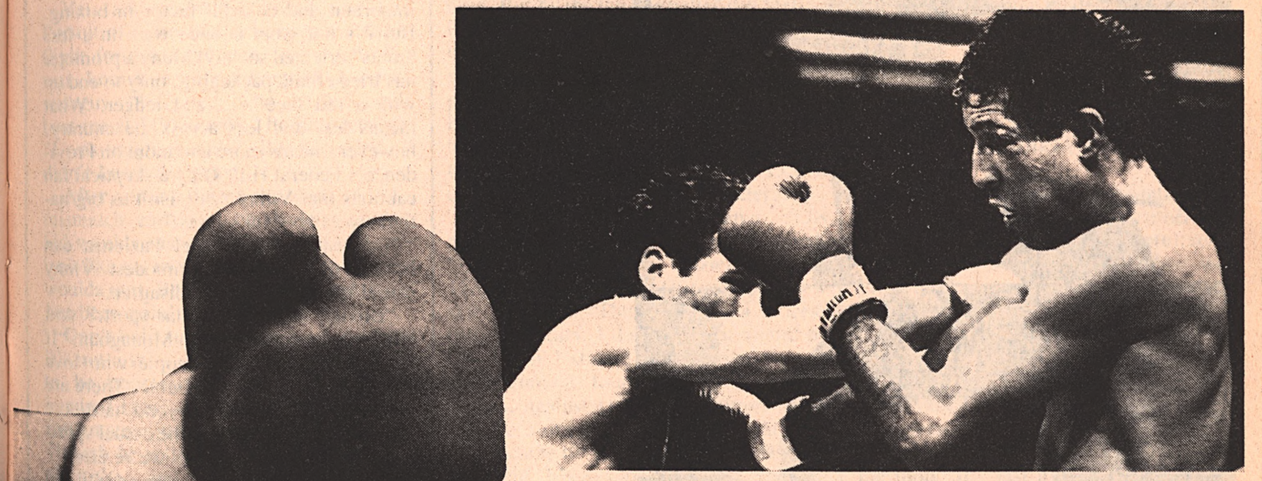


Pazmania Peaks
As "Pazmanian Devil"
Approaches Title Shot

THE VINNY PAZ PHENOMENON

by J.R. Jowett



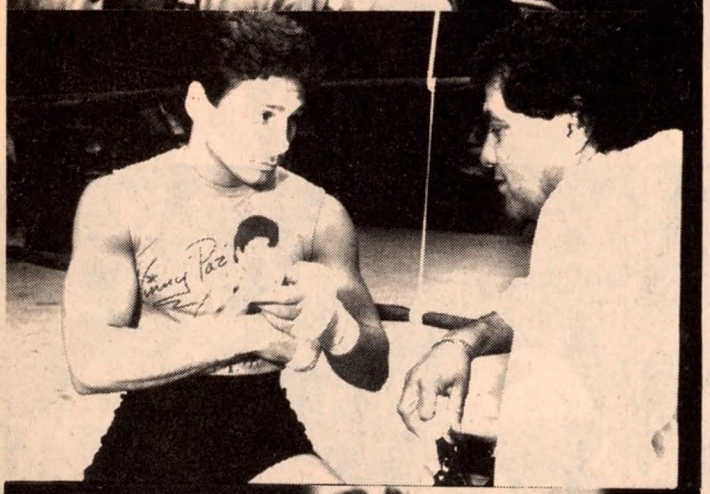
Pazienza (left) slams into former IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo on his way to another impressive victory.

One of Vinny Paz's more conservative outfits.

IT'S 7 PM AT THE WARWICK HOWARD Johnson's, and the conference rooms are as packed as a traveling salesman's convention. A chilly February draft intrudes through doors at the end of the hallway, open to accomodate TV cables. Dressed improbably in boxing trunks, robe, and "shades," Vinny Paz scurries back and forth with an athletic commission doctor in tow, trying to work a pre-fight examination around the exigencies of a TV schedule. Paz resembles an actor pursued by a harried makeup man. On the eve of his big fight with Roberto Elizondo at the nearby Providence Civic Center, that's almost what he is. The *weigh-in* is set to go live on the evening show.

When Vinny Paz fights in Providence, it isn't just an athletic contest, it's a civic event. While boxing often struggles to make the sports pages elsewhere, they're not enough to contain the "Pazmania" phenomenon. On the day of the fight, Vinny's on the cover of the Sunday magazine. Ask any of his legion of beaming fans, known proudly as "Pazmaniacs," what makes their hero so popular, and the answers reveal little variation. "He's Italian . . . he's exciting . . . he's from Providence." Not infrequently, someone

Paz celebrates his knockout win over Joe Frazier Jr. The bout set an attendance record for boxing in Rhode Island when over 13,000 fans turned up at the Providence Civic Center to cheer Vinny on to victory.



Vinny and trainer Louis Gomez discuss strategy before a sparring session at Vinny's "Father and Son" gym in Providence.

Always aware of the importance of publicity, Paz greets the press after a recent match in Providence.

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drops his voice, glances furtively about, and admits to a less pleasant side of the saga. "He's white."

As the explanations indirectly point up, Vinny Pazienza is a smart, talented kid who's negotiating a treacherous path between sport and theater, accomplishment and manipulation. Not that he isn't well looked-after. His management, training, and promotional team of Shelly Finkel, Lou and Dan Duva, are masters at bringing out the best in a fighter with minimal risk. NBC-TV is fond of Vinny, but nationwide, fans don't love him as one of their own, and currying their favor can invite a canyon jump without a 'chute.

In Rhode Island, Pazienza has what they want. "It's a small estate," a fan explained. "All we have is Providence College and Vinny Paz." Another summarized, "He's good for the Italian community."

Ethnic support has traditionally been an important and colorful factor in boxing. But it's not what it once was, in a less "roots" oriented society. Many a promoter has tried ethnic packaging, only to end up with a red face . . . and ledger. What means less and less across the country, however, means more and more on Providence's Federal Hill. Only a skeptical fan cautions that Vinny ". . . isn't as big nationally as he thinks he is."

Television moguls feel Pazienza can correct that, and the immodest Vinny would be the last one to disagree.

"Boxing is not a popular sport." said NBC vice president Kevin Monaghan. "If we depended only on people who love boxing, we'd be in big trouble. There are certain fighters that go beyond hard-core boxing fans and appeal to the casual sports fan. Those are the fighters we're after."

"Guys like that don't come around too often, but Pazienza seems to be one. He has the personality and the charisma that's necessary," added Monaghan's associate, Sean McManus.

Vinny concurs, "They're looking for what I have. I've got the people behind me, I've got the ability, and I can talk. There was no TV on my mind when this all started. Now it just happens to work out. We add some sequin trunks and sunglasses and bingo, you get TV following you around."

Of course, boxing isn't wrestling, and all the ballyhoo would only build to a crisis of embarrassment if Paz couldn't fight. Outside Rhode Island, there have been those who say he can't, but they've had to take a backward step every time Vinny has answered the bell.

Pazienza and "Little Rhodie" seem like a perfect couple; a feisty lightweight from the smallest state. However, Paz certainly doesn't think in diminutive terms. The story of how he was inspired to box by the movie "Rocky" is a local legend. But there's more to it. Vinny doesn't come from a hard-scrabble background. His father, Angelo, is a retired clothier who has spent thousands to further Vinny's success. Once he saw Vinny's interest wasn't a fad, as he'd first thought, Angelo fixed up an old firehouse into the modern "Father and Son" gym.

"Today, there's not a fighter in the world who's got a gym like I do," Paz declared.

Angelo continues to hover like a guardian angel over his son's career. Vinny struggled a bit self-consciously to explain. "I got a great family," he said. "I don't *need* boxing. It's something that comes from the heart."

Yes, and possibly a bit of ego, too! Pursuit of a dream can be as powerful as flight from a nightmare. As a kid, Paz was known as something of a cocky wiseguy. "I figured, who the hell could beat me at 119 pounds," he remembered. "I was tough as nails." But he added, "I didn't know the game."

After coming out on the short end of a mismatch early on, he declared, "Any kid woulda said, 'The hell with this, this isn't like the movie's supposed to be,' and woulda quit. But I stuck with it, and things just been goin' ever since."

Don't hold such cockiness against him. It's not a show of arrogance, but a desire to be appreciated, and that means a hundred cents on the dollar for the fan. But amateur judges didn't see it that way. Though he rolled up an impressive array of titles and international contests, Pazienza's pro career was born of frustration, not success.

"I wasn't worried about fighting anymore," he explained. "I was worried about the judges. I fought a Russian in New York. I beat this guy, he was a world champion. His eye was hangin' out of his head," Vinny recalled graphically. "I dropped him in the second round. They give him the fight. Finally, we're thinking, 'What the hell's going on here? Something's wrong.'"

That night, Vinny claims, one of the judges got a little drunk and told Angelo his son would be better off turning professional. "The pros are suited for me," Paz stated. "You don't see any amateurs fighting the way I do. That was some of the reason why they didn't like me."

His first three years as a pro were spent on the road. Skeptical out-of-town writers noted the deficit on the left side of his opponents' records, and weren't always impressed. Many remembered built-up New England fighters who couldn't win away from the safety of home, and thought Vinny was just keeping up the tradition in traveling uniform.

"I don't think they wanna believe just how good I am, or that I'm for real," the fighter explained. "They think that I'm just a hyped-up white kid, which I'm not. Little by little, they're gonna realize this . . . the press is gonna start changing its tune now."

The important thing wasn't *that* Pazienza won his fights, but *how*. He cultivated the ability to win in style. When he beat his opposite number, Jeff "The Tasmanian Devil" Bumpus, in Atlantic City, Vinny was said to be unenthused about the "Pazmanian Devil" monicker he bore. But by the time he belted out Melvin Paul, fans were electrified. Warming to the challenge of showmanship, he dispatched the hapless Paul with the kind of punch Mighty Mouse would use on a bullying tomcat. When Vinny finally returned home to the Providence Civic Center, a turnaway state record crowd of 13,000 came out to see him kayo Joe Frazier Jr.

"This thing here . . . Pazmania . . . is not an overnight thing," Vinny explained. "I didn't just fight Joe Frazier and draw 15,000 people, and all of a sudden a new star was born. This has been a process over the years. I don't think it would be this big if I started out fighting here in the beginning, four-rounders against nobodies, against guys people never heard of. We moved in here at the right time . . . I came up just right, I was seasoned just right. It's a culmination . . . and you can't get a better time to fight here than right now."

"Right now" is sounding more and more like title talk. TV execs seem to still labor under the notion that armchair fans, just starting to warm to "Pazmania," are too stupid to appreciate a match without the lure of a "title." WBA, WBC, IBF, NABF, YMCA, RSVP, whatever . . . most of the challengers just end up "S.O.L."

Is Vinny Pazienza ready for a title shot? He certainly thinks so.

"I know I can win a world title," he asserted without blinking. "I can beat any of the champions out there today. I don't need any more learning fights. I can fight for the title tomorrow."

His promoter, Dan Duva, is just a bit more reserved. He's looking for IBF titlist Greg Haugen, who wears the shakiest of the three crowns. But arch rival Bob Arum has been a reluctant bridesmaid.

"Seems that Arum doesn't want to sign for the fight because he doesn't want Main Events to have the lightweight champion of the world," Danny flatly stated.

Volatile trainer Lou Duva is more sanguine. He talks a lot about Camacho, warning Hector, ". . . get smart, learn a trade, your days as a celebrity are over." Heavy-hitting, but light box-office, Edwin Rosario barely gets an honorable mention.

Certainly, Pazienza's challenge is worth taking seriously. He has speed, good combination punching, and the kind of dangerous power that comes from sharp execution. A deceptive reach frees him from the confines of off-the-rack, wade-in bangers, permitting razzle-dazzle moves that electrify fans, frustrate opponents, and confound critics. He seems to have a solid chin, but some tendency to cut. And there's no questioning his desire or dedication.

"I pay my dues before I get in the ring," he explained. "I'm able to act the way I do, put on the show that I do, because I don't take no chances before the fight starts."

Some fighters are developed into champions ("Sugar" Ray Leonard); others are maneuvered to titles (Davey Moore); some just battle over whatever's in their way (Marvin Hagler); others make the most of an opportunity (Trevor Berbick). Pazienza is too good to worry about needing an "opportunity." His management is too good to be stymied by obstacles. Whether he becomes a "champion" or a "titlist" is a tough call, but at worst, he doesn't figure to be another Tommy Collins. He's got the tools. It's just a matter of doing the right thing at the right time, which comes with experience.

Anyone wondering if Vinny Paz can reconcile the sometimes opposing worlds of dreamy promotion and rugged reality need only ask the fighter.

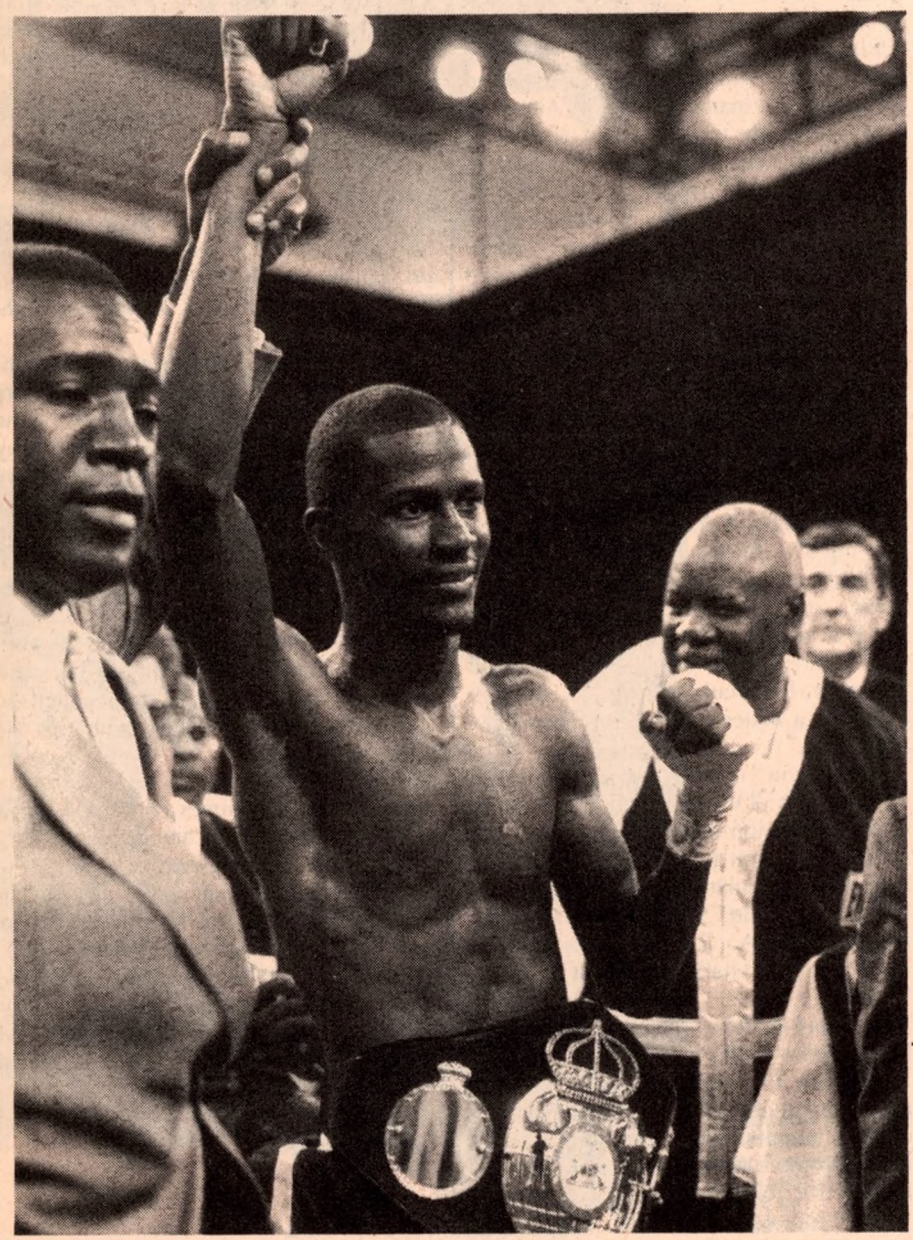
"I got the charisma, I can talk, people like me because basically I'm a good person, I'm a good example," he declared. "I do some crazy things, I turn the people on, I give them what they want to see. But the bottom line is, I can fight. If I couldn't, they wouldn't come here to watch me, believe me."

Believe it! □

BRELAND BREEZES TO WBA BAUBLE

Easy Win Over Volbrecht Proves Costly

by Nigel Collins



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The winner and new WBA welterweight champion . . . Mark Breland.

MARK BRELAND'S ASCENTION TO THE welterweight throne was rather anti-climatic. After all, was there ever any doubt that Breland would eventually win a world championship? Not with Harold Volbrecht in the other corner there wasn't.

Since Breland first attracted nationwide attention by winning five New York Golden Gloves titles, it was practically preordained that he would one day duplicate his amateur success in the professional ranks. When he won a gold medal in the '84 Olympics, you just knew it was only a matter of time before a world championship belt adorned Mark's wasp-like waist.

Now, after only 17 pro fights (all wins, 12 via knockout), Breland has fulfilled the prophesy—well, sort of. There's still a little matter of Lloyd Honeyghan to take care of.

Honeyghan, the brash Brit who unceremoniously bashed Donald Curry for the undisputed welterweight title, is the *real* champion. Make no mistake about it, Breland's portion of the title is about as valid as the WBA ratings which made South African Volbrecht the number one contender in the first place. Nevertheless, Breland wasn't about to let Honeyghan's shadow rain on his parade.

"I don't care that some people say Honeyghan's the real champ," said Mark. "More people know Mark Breland than Lloyd Honeyghan anyway. That was true even before when I wasn't champ."

The Breland-Volbrecht bout was more a coronation than a fight, but when all was said and done, Breland was the WBA welterweight champion by virtue of a seventh round knockout. That was the good part. The bad part was that Mark busted his left hand in the process.

The match, which became a necessity when Honeyghan dumped the WBA belt rather than defend against a South African, was a total farce from inception. Volbrecht's number one contender status was a joke of obscene proportions. His record (now 37-6-1 status with just six kayoes) lacked any result worthy of his lofty standing. But what do you expect from the World Boxing Association? Certainly not anything even remotely intelligent. Let's not forget, less than two weeks after the WBA foisted Volbrecht on the sporting public, it stripped Marvelous Marvin Hagler of the middleweight title. Apparently, no absurdity is beyond these guys.

Despite a ridiculously easy opponent, Breland's victory became a costly one when he reinjured his left hand early in the bout. According to Mark, he broke

the same hand twice in training over the four months preceeding the Volbrecht match, and was only 80 percent healed by fight time. The decision to go ahead with the match was a calculated risk.

"Our fear was that the bout would be cancelled and Volbrecht would fight Maurice Blocker for the (vacant) title instead," explained Breland's co-manager, Shelly Finkel, in an interview published in *Newsday*.

Fistic credentials aside, Breland-Volbrecht was a real Mutt-n-Jeff pairing. At 6-foot-3, Breland towered over his 5-foot-6 adversary like a telephone pole squaring off against a fireplug. It was such a preposterous match-up, Breland couldn't find the target for the first six rounds. Also, unknown to the capacity crowd of almost 3,000 at Atlantic City's Convention Hall Ballroom, his left hand was giving him far more trouble than the crouching Volbrecht.

"I understand the crowd wants to see a knockout, but every time I used my left hand, it felt like a toothache," reported Breland, who said he reinjured his left hand after his third jab. "I was getting a shock all the way up my arm, even when I missed."

With his jabbing hand all but useless, Breland finally ended the mismatch the first time he landed his famous right cross. The bomb landed mid-way into the seventh, stunning Volbrecht and sending him stumbling backwards into a neutral corner. Breland sprang to the attack and finished the job with two more rights to the head.

Volbrecht quickly crumpled in the corner, and although he looked capable of getting up, never even bothered to try. Referee Tony Perez obligingly counted him out at 2:07 of the round and that was that.

While neither boxer exactly covered himself in glory, at least Breland accomplished his mission. Volbrecht, a pleasant sort who accepted his expected downfall with good grace, seemed delighted to still be alive and on his way back to Benoni with a few extra dollars in his jeans.

Breland, on the other hand, was on his way back to the operating room. A week after winning the WBA bauble, Mark was in Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City undergoing surgery to repair a torn tendon on the middle finger of his left hand. He also suffered a fracture of the fourth metacarpal (ring finger) and will be in a cast for eight weeks.

"I don't think the injuries will affect his career," said Dr. Martin Posner, who performed the surgery. "It's not an uncommon injury among professional boxers, especially since Mark has very slender hands and hits with tremendous force."

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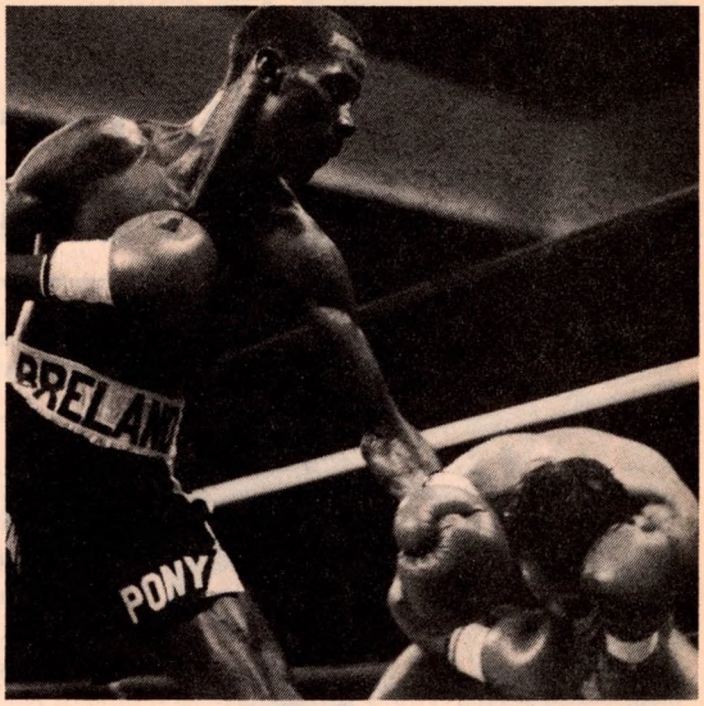


Breland has Volbrecht covering up during the early going of their battle for the vacant WBA welterweight title. At first, Mark had trouble finding the range against his much shorter opponent, but it was his injured left hand that gave him his biggest problem.

Meanwhile, Honeyghan was busy boosting his stock with a ruthless knockout over Breland's stablemate Johnny Bumphus, just two weeks after Mark bested Volbrecht. It was Lloyd's first appearance on Network TV (ABC) in the United States and he surely left a lasting impression. Though he clobbered Bumphus with an unnecessary cheap shot at the start of the second round, there was little doubt a knockout victory for the WBC and IBF champion was inevitable.

"It was all Rambo stuff," bragged Honeyghan after destroying Bumphus 55 seconds into the second round for his first defense of the world welterweight title. "I had psyched myself up to go to war. It was rough-him-up business, no messing around. I was ready to eat him alive."

To what extent Breland's reoccurring hand problems (he also had a similar operation in 1983) will effect his career remains to be seen, but they have certainly put any plans for a unification fight with Honeyghan on hold. It will probably be late summer or early autumn before Breland throws another punch in anger. It's a shame, not only for Mark, but for the welterweight division in general.

The 147-pounders have been decidely dull since the dazzling days of Sugar Ray Leonard. Sure, Curry was highly respected, but even his unification match with Milton McCrory failed to generate much interest and went belly-up at the gate. With Honeyghan and Breland now on the scene, it's an entirely different picture.

Despite his low-key demeanor, Mark has the built-in advantage of being an Olympic hero with all the media exposure that goes with it. His acting career in both movies ("The Lords Of Discipline") and television ("Miami Vice") has also helped make him a familiar face to even the non-sporting public.

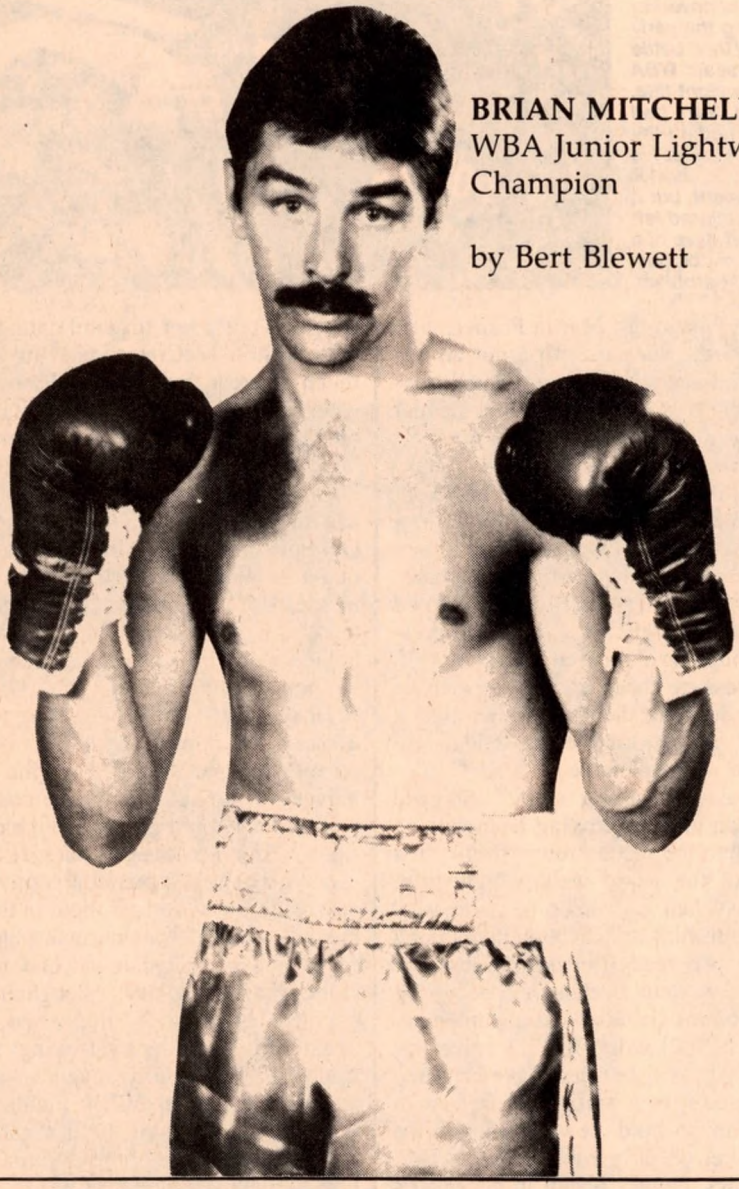
Honeyghan is also beginning to make a name for himself with his outspoken personality and swaggering ring performances. If he keeps it up, he could very well replace Livingstone Bramble as the fighter America loves to hate. If Breland can stay healthy, a potential monster payday could await both of them in the event they can be matched for the undisputed title.

Breland was ringside in London for the Honeyghan-Bumphus slaughter, but claimed he wasn't impressed. Mark openly criticized the wild swings and let-it-all-hang-out style Honeyghan employed against the former WBA junior welterweight champ. Lloyd, in turn, threatened to make mincemeat of the Olympic golden boy.

It would be a pity if Breland's hand problems prevented such an intriguing match. With the Brits vs. Yanks overtones, it could make the battle of Bunker Hill seem like a skirmish by comparison. □

THE UNKNOWN CHAMPIONS

Another in a series featuring some of boxing's lesser-known "champions." This month we profile:



BRIAN MITCHELL
WBA Junior Lightweight Champion

by Bert Blewett

HE CAME TO THE RING STRUTTING like Mick Jagger at a rock concert; he left it some 60 minutes later with cuts above both eyes, a couple of belts strapped around his waist and the roar of the crowd ringing in his ears.

Brian Mitchell, 25, the new WBA junior lightweight champion from South Africa, works hard at projecting a macho image in a sport that worships warriors. But beneath that tough exterior is a heart of gold and a young man of compassion.

We saw a glimpse of it after Mitchell had knocked out Alfredo Layne in the 10th round of their WBA title fight at Sun City in September last year. Dropping his guard for a moment, Mitchell thanked the Lord for his good fortune and then remembered a lost friend.

"I wish Jacob Morake was here tonight to share this with me," Mitchell said as he spoke from the ring immediately after the fight.

It was in the very same ring 11 months before that Mitchell had punched Morake into submission in the 12th round of their South African junior lightweight title fight. Morake, however, did not merely lose the fight; he lost his life when he slumped to the canvas and fell into a coma, only to die of a brain hemorrhage a few hours later.

Mitchell admits the Morake tragedy will haunt him as long as he lives. "He was not only a fine boxer and sportsman, but also a wonderful person whom I came to know and respect," he said.

Mitchell was devastated by the harrowing experience and nearly snapped under the emotional strain. The "macho man" wept openly and had to be sedated after threats to his life prevented him from attending Morake's funeral in Soweto, the turbulent black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

For a long while Mitchell seriously considered giving up the game he loved, and when he was persuaded to fight Julio Ruiz in the same Sun City ring four months later, he admitted he knew he had to prove to himself that he could live with the memory of Morake's death.

Brian passed the crucial test with flying colors and knocked out Ruiz in the sixth round. And it was again Mitchell's indomitable courage that came to his rescue in the Layne fight. Behind on points and cut above both eyes by the end of the fourth round, Brian changed his style to take over control of the fight.

Weak and disheartened, Layne was a beaten man long before he collapsed to the canvas for the fight to be stopped under the WBA's three knockdown rule in the 10th round.

Later I discovered where Mitchell gets his strength of character when I met his mother at the post-fight press conference. "I want to know why your newspaper hardly ever gives my son any publicity," she demanded. "You write about all the other boxers, but hardly ever about my son."

"Ah, but that will change now," I assured her.

"Oh, yes," she agreed, "but only because Brian is now a world champion."

Mrs. Mitchell missed the point. Her son had never topped a major boxing bill in South Africa until he stepped into the ring to challenge for the WBA title.

Brian always seemed to be playing a supporting role—unlike his father, Brian Mitchell senior, who won the South African bantamweight title in 1962 after only three professional fights and at the age of 19.

"I'd always idolized my dad long before I knew he had been a fighter," said Brian. "But I guess in the back of my mind I wanted to be like him and the greatest compliment anyone can pay me is to say I've inherited some of his fighting heart."

Mitchell turned to boxing at the age of nine when he joined the Ellis Park amateur boxing club. Brian had more than 100 amateur fights, losing only 10, before turning pro in 1981. Along the way he won a few South African junior titles and finished as a runner-up in the 1980 South African senior championships.

Mitchell's early pro fights were all in the townships and he became better known among the black boxing community than to the fans at more fashionable venues such as Rand Stadium in Johannesburg, the Good Hope Centre in Cape Town or West Ridge Park in Durban.

The township fans called him "a black fighter with a white skin" and often carried him shoulder-high from the ring after his many victories.

Then Mitchell lost on points to Jacob Morake at Kwa Thema for the Transvaal junior lightweight title—his only defeat as a professional—and was so disgusted with the decision he told Willie Toweel, then his manager and trainer, that he did not want to box in the townships again.

"I told him not to be silly," Toweel recalled. "I explained it was the judges who made the decision, not the boxing fans. I told him it didn't matter where he boxed, the set-up would be the same."

Today, Mitchell admits much of his success as a boxer can be attributed to the experience he gained by competing in the black townships. "I crammed in 16 fights during my first two years as a pro and benefited greatly from the assortment of opponents I faced in the townships," he said.

Sadly, Mitchell has been given the runaround by the boxing establishment since winning the WBA title. "I was ready to defend the title two weeks after I won it," he said. "But the whole thing became a mess when we were told I couldn't defend the title in South Africa."

Mitchell has always been a down-to-earth character and thankfully success has not turned his head. Perhaps he is better equipped to handle fame and fortune than many of his predecessors.

"I'm still the same guy," he said. "People think because I won a world title I should throw out my wife, turn out my family and friends and start a new life. How crazy can they get?" □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF BRIAN MITCHELL

South African junior lightweight
Born: August 30, 1961

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Aug. 15	Josef Monoane	Johannesburg	W 4
Sept. 19	Bushy Mosoeu	Johannesburg	W 4
Oct. 3	Tandi Mayisela	Johannesburg	W 4
Oct. 31	Simon Zondo	Johannesburg	KO 4
Nov. 30	Moses Mthiyane	Durban	KO 4
	1982		
Feb. 6	Phanuel Mosdane	Johannesburg	KO 2
May 1	Jacob Morake	Kwa Thema	L 10
	(Transvaal junior lightweight Title)		
May 17	Joseph Skiet Tsotetsi	Johannesburg	W 6
June 26	Moses Sithebe	Orkney	KO 3
July 30	Frank Khonkhobe	Sebokeng	D 6
Oct. 15	Frank Khonkhobe	Diepkloof	W 10
	1983		
Mar. 14	Jerome Gumede	Durban	W 8
Apr. 9	Chris Whiteboy	Orkney	KO 9
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
May 2	Bashew Sibaca	Durban	W 10
June 27	Graham Gcola	Johannesburg	KO 2
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Aug. 6	Jacob Morake	Johannesburg	W 12
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Nov. 21	Frank Khonkhobe	Johannesburg	W 12
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Dec. 19	Blessing Ndlele	Durban	KO 1
	1984		
Mar. 2	Jacob Morake	Springs	W 12
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Mar. 31	Carlos Rodriguez	Johanessburg	KO 4
Apr. 16	Iland Matthews	Welkom	W 6
Aug. 2	Nika Khumalo	Cape Town	KO 2
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Dec. 1	Aladin Stevens	Sun City	W 8
	1985		
Feb. 11	Nyingi Mtya	Boksburg	KO 3
Mar. 30	Carlos Rodriguez	Sun City	KO 7
Apr. 27	Vincente Jorge Robayna	Johannesburg	KO 7
July 27	Job Sisanga	Sun City	W 8
Nov. 2	Jacob Morake	Sun City	KO 12
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
	1986		
Mar. 1	Julio Ruiz	Sun City	KO 6
June 14	Bushy Mosoeu	Sun City	W 12
	(South African Jr. Lightweight Title)		
Sept. 27	Alfredo Layne	Sun City	KO 10
	(WBA Junior Lightweight Title)		

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
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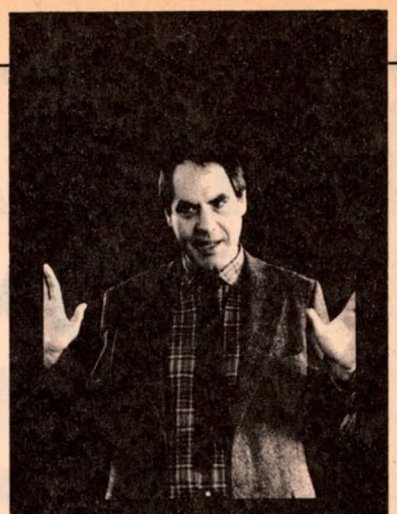

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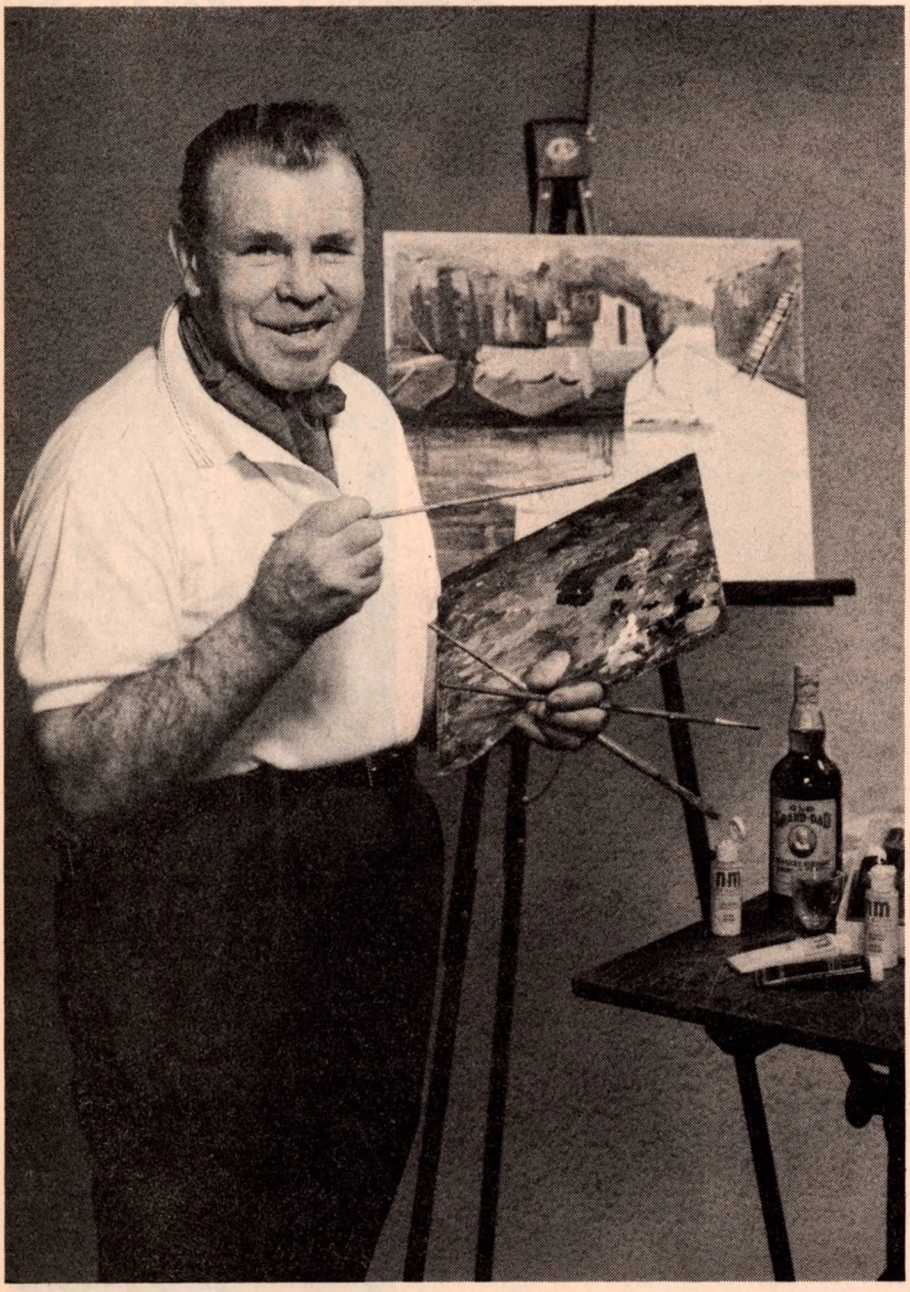
By Joseph D'O'Brian



LARRY HOLMES CLAIMS TO BE RETIRED, and let's hope for his sake that he'll stay that way. By the time you read this, both Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler will probably have decided to pack it in for good. Leon Spinks has been reduced to taking frightful beatings from third-rate fighters, and will never fight again if he knows what's good for him (something nobody has ever accused him of knowing).

The passing of these four heroes represents the end of the first post-Ali generation. These fellows presided over what was a very bad time indeed for boxing, but each one, in his way, was good for the game, and I will miss seeing them in the ring.

A wave of retirements like this one always brings to mind the question of what these guys are going to do now. They're still young men; in the non-boxing world, you stay young an awfully long time, and middle age lasts even longer. In other words, while they may be retired from boxing, they're going to have to do something with the 40 or 50 years they have left to live, or they're going to be very bored. In Spinks' case, he'll also be very hungry.

And these guys are the lucky ones. Financially, they were in the top one-hundredth of one percent of their profession; they'll never have to take jobs loading trucks or driving a cab. They can do whatever they like, whether that means growing prize orchids or writing pornographic novels or learning to play the bassoon.

Most boxers, as we know, are not so lucky. They'll have to keep working for a living until they're very old, and most of them leave boxing with few or no job skills, a very short education, and nothing but their strength and natural intelligence to help them make a living.

Most of them make it, somehow. Some are stuck in wage-slave jobs for the rest of their lives; a few take the time to learn a non-boxing trade during their ring careers, or set aside some money so that they can go to trade school or university after they retire from the ring, or save up to buy a small business. But in any event, most boxers who don't go very far in the ring are aware that they'll eventually have to do something else for a living. Journeyman fighters are realists; they have a hard life in and out of the ring and they tend not to expect lucky breaks. So when the time comes that they can't fight any more, if they're responsible people to begin with, they're usually prepared.

Often, retirement is harder on the world-class fighter, the guy who held a

Former middleweight champion Mickey Walker became a successful artist after retiring from the ring.

title and made enough money that he can spend the rest of his life doing more or less what he pleases. It sometimes happens that if you don't have to do anything, you'll do nothing. Also, if you've spent the last 10 or 15 years of your life being the center of attention wherever you go, it can be pretty tough to get used to your new-found obscurity.

Muhammad Ali is the best example of this, among modern fighters. Granted, he has enough money that he doesn't need to do anything, but doing nothing and being out of the limelight seems to be devastating him psychologically. Reports of his mental state vary, but everyone who is in a position to know agrees that he is indescribably bored and depressed. He is also, apparently, very sick.

I have heard that Ali's physical disorders can be controlled with medication, and indeed I have personally seen him recently acting very nearly like his old self: bright, alert and good-humored. This was at a boxing dinner at which he was the principal speaker. He obviously still enjoyed being the star of the evening, and he got himself up for it. I have also sat near him at a couple of fights, when he was not a featured attraction, and the poor bugger just sat there like a sack of flour, barely aware, it seemed, of where he was or what he was doing there.

The only conclusion I can draw from all this is that while the man is occupied, he's okay. Given no occupation and no motivation, he's what the rumor-mongers say he is.

I guess it is a little hard to imagine Muhammad Ali launching a second career. Whatever it turned out to be, it would have to look pretty bad in comparison to what he was doing before. Can you imagine Ali as an investment banker or a concert pianist?

He could act, of course, if his health permitted it. He did a little acting during his forced retirement from 1967 to 1970, and he got decent notices, even if his vehicles were lousy. And a surprising number of ex-boxers have had successful stage or film careers after leaving the ring.

Victor McLaglen, a heavyweight contender in the 1900s, eventually won an Oscar. Maxie Rosenbloom, Rocky Graziano, Abe Simon, Max Baer and many others enjoyed great popularity as actors and entertainers. This is not surprising, when you think about it. Boxing is a performance art as well as a sport, and most fighters develop a stage presence and some rudimentary acting skills long before they start thinking about acting for pay.

Boxers tend to be artistic people, and acting isn't the only art form that can hold an attraction for them. Take for example the case of Mickey Walker, probably one of the 10 greatest middleweights of all time.

Well, nobody quite knows how he got started, but shortly after his retirement from the ring, Mickey picked up a paintbrush and hardly put it down again for the rest of his life. By the 1940s, people who could not name a single boxer had heard of Mickey Walker. He was up there with Grant Wood, Jackson Pollock, Edward Hopper and Grandma Moses as one of the most influential American painters of his day.

Walker, along with Grandma Moses, was a member of the "primitive" school of painting. Some would say, waggishly, that this was appropriate for an ex-fighter. (Although it is no insult to call a painter a primitivist. It's just a way of classifying a painter's style, like the terms "cubist" or "post-impressionist." Primitivists tend to deal in bright colors, and their paintings often have a somewhat two-dimensional aspect. Amazing what you can learn from a boxing magazine, isn't it?)

At any rate, Walker took it very seriously. In fact, one of his wives divorced him on the grounds that he was spending all his time in the studio. One suspects that she would have preferred a husband

Bareknuckles heavyweight champion William (Bendigo) Thompson began a new career as an evangelist while serving time in jail.

who drank, gambled and fooled around. Some folks are like that.

Many fighters are drawn to the clergy following their ring careers. Henry Armstrong, Tommy Burns, George Foreman and several other noted boxers later became preachers, usually of an evangelical Protestant sect.

Probably the best-known ex-fighter clergyman was William Abednego "Bendigo" Thompson, who held the bare-knuckle heavyweight crown in the 1940s. Thompson underwent a religious conversion while serving a drunk-and-disorderly sentence shortly after his ring career had ended, and became a popular Methodist minister. His lively, often funny sermons always drew a big Sunday crowd: like his fights, they appealed to the aristocracy and the working class alike.

Other fighters leave the ring to embrace causes less popular than religion. John L. Sullivan became a noted prohibitionist lecturer and Alan Minter briefly allied himself with a violently racist organization in the United Kingdom, the National Front.

The most popular post-boxing profession (for fighters who are well-known enough to pull it off) is becoming what is euphemistically called a "gentleman." A gentleman, by this definition, is somebody who does a little of this and a little of that, and makes a living essentially on his good looks or his good name.

Joe Louis is the classic example of this. There wasn't much he was good at besides boxing, and he was in debt up to his *cojones* by the time he retired. But he made a reasonable living just by being Joe Louis. He published books and articles through a ghost writer, was paid to show up at various events, did commercial endorsements, and was retained by a Las Vegas casino to gamble or play golf with distinguished guests.

Much has been written about the "humiliations" such a life must have forced on Louis, but if you stop to think about it, it couldn't have been such a bad gig, especially for a guy like Louis. Louis loved attention, he loved to travel, and he loved having people around him. He got all of that, and he didn't starve.

Nowadays, though, boxers are smartening up. Those who make a lot of money in the ring are more likely to put some of it away, invest it and get ready for the next 50 years. Holmes, Hagler and Leonard are all perfectly positioned to dive into yuppiedom; it seems that each of them started practicing for his retirement some years before he was actually faced with the reality of it. Likewise Gerry Cooney:

Rocky Graziano, seen here with Johnny (Tarzan) Weismuller, has enjoyed a great deal of success as an entertainer since his boxing days.

he retired several years before he retired, if you know what I mean.

Other fighters are launching second careers while the first one is still underway: Mark Breland's an actor; Mike Tyson and Michael Olajide are models; Marvin Johnson's a prison guard. This actually harks back to the bare-knuckle days, when relatively few boxers—even the best ones—did nothing but box. Most bare-knucklers, strangely, were skilled workers: glass-blowers, carpenters, paviours, whatever, and they mostly stayed with these jobs during their boxing careers so there'd be something to fall back on later. I'm not exactly advocating this approach. If a fighter can afford to do it, it's probably better for him to concentrate on boxing while he can.

And I don't entirely agree with those who say that the trouble with boxing is that a man comes out of the sport fit for nothing else. Boxing does provide an education, in its way, and it tends to expand a man's intellect and his curiosity. And if a man has taken boxing seriously, the discipline will be with him for the rest of his life. It's often just a matter of sitting down and deciding what to do with all you've learned □

SO, WHAT DID THEY DO NEXT?

The post-boxing professions of the various Marquess of Queensberry heavyweight champions.

ACTORS/ENTERTAINERS: James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Johnson and Max Baer.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: Marvin Hart, Jersey Joe Walcott.

CLERGYMEN: Tommy Burns, George Foreman.

BUSINESSMEN: Gene Tunney, Max Schmeling, Primo Carnera, Ingemar Johansson, Larry Holmes.

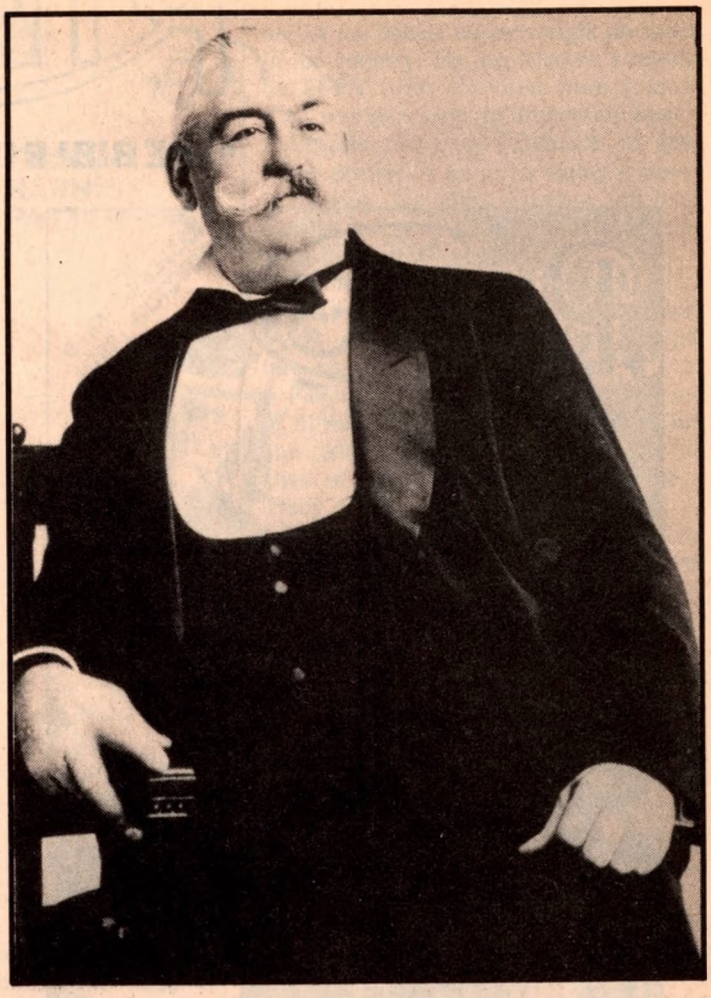
GENTLEMEN: Jim Jeffries, Jess Willard, Jack Sharkey, James Braddock, Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, Rocky Marciano, Muhammad Ali.

BOXING TRAINERS: Floyd Patterson, Joe Frazier.

LECTURERS: John L. Sullivan.

RESTAURATEURS: Jack Dempsey.

John L. Sullivan hit the temperance circuit lecturing on the evils of alcoholic beverages after quitting the prize ring.



Joe Louis poses for fans during his days as "celebrity host" at Ceasars Palace in Las Vegas.

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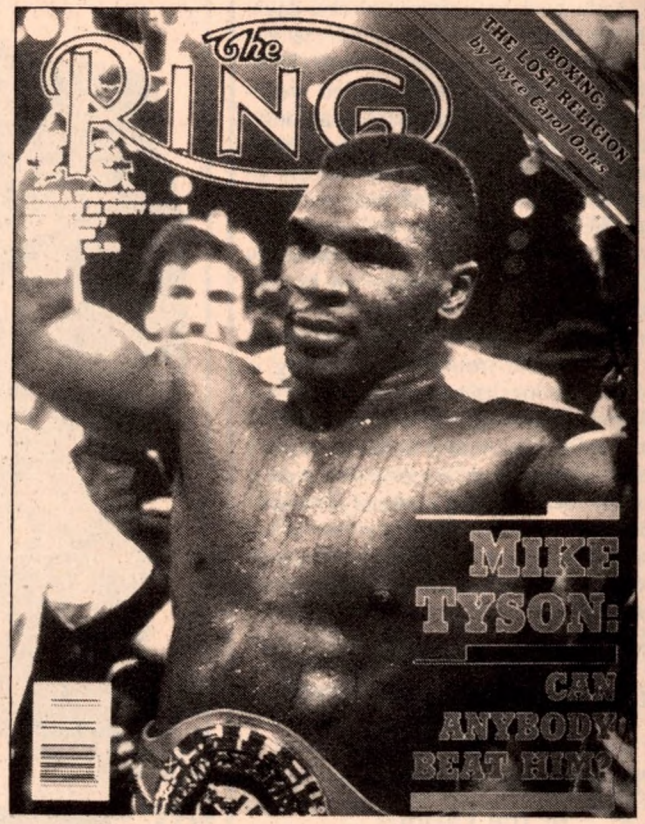

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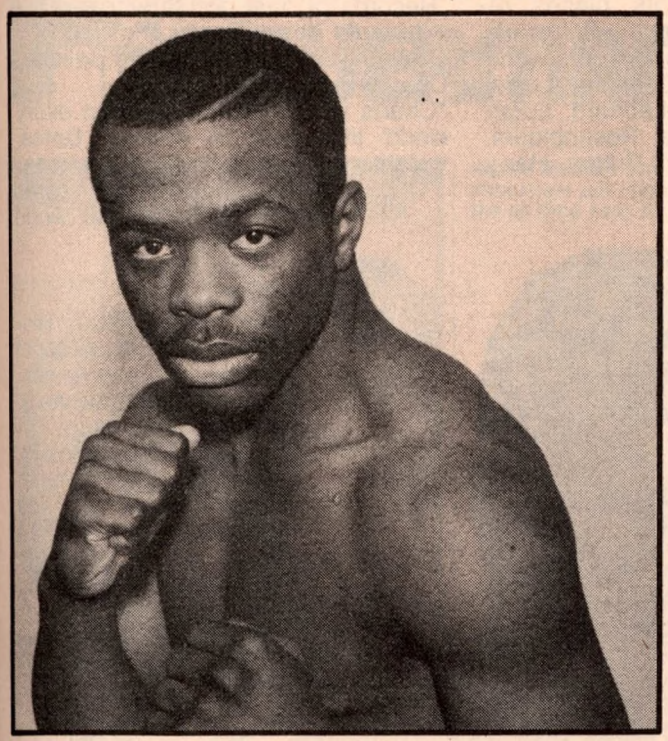

TRACY HARRIS PATTERSON

TRACY HARRIS WAS ONLY 11 WHEN HE began hanging around Floyd Patterson's gym in New Paltz, New York. At the time he didn't even dream of becoming a professional fighter. He was just a fatherless kid looking for something to fill the empty hours.

"My brother and I got interested in boxing by watching it on TV," recalled Tracy. "We had a set of gloves and used to mess around. When I started, I just wanted to learn how to move around a bit."

"One day, Tracy just walked up the drive and began watching the other boys train," remembered Floyd. "But after a while, I noticed that he would still be there after all the other boys had finished training and gone home. He seemed to be a loner, a little bit like me when I was a kid. I asked him if he'd like to make a few dollars doing chores like cutting the grass and trimming the hedge."

The relationship grew and soon Tracy was eating most of his meal with the Patterson family. One day Floyd asked Tracy if he'd like to spend the night at the gym. Three weeks later, the youngster was still there. Not long afterwards, Floyd and his wife adopted Tracy and took him into their home for good.

"I can relate to Tracy because I went through a similar thing when I was his age," said Patterson. "It's a big world and a boy without a father can run into problems. Boxing gave him something to do. Of course, I didn't know back then how good he was going to eventually become. But he always picked things up quickly.

"I kept Tracy in the amateurs a long time," continued Floyd. "He had about 100 bouts, losing seven or eight. But after the Golden Gloves he said he wanted to turn pro and earn a little money to help out around the house."

Though Tracy graduated from high school, boxing is his full time job right now.

"Whenever you want to do something properly, you have to give all of yourself to whatever it is you want to do," explained Floyd. "I remember when I was getting ready to go to Rome for the Olympics. I wanted to earn some extra money to buy some new clothes for the trip. I got a job working for a private sanitation company, but it interfered with my training. I don't want Tracy to have to go through that."

Tracy turned pro on June 19, 1985, winning a four-round decision over Derrick Dougherty. To date, he has racked up 17 straight victories (nine kayoes) to become one of the hottest featherweight prospects in the country. He has become a regular on ESPN cards televised from Atlantic City, scoring a series of impressive wins.

Despite the vast difference in size, Tracy displays a lot of his father's moves in the ring, including a leaping left hook that has left several opponents wondering what hit them.

"I didn't intend to give him my style," Floyd told *The Ring*. "But I did teach him to bob and weave, and he just kinda fell into my old style by himself."

Patterson is a firm believer in the use of films and video tapes as a training aid, and although they sometimes watch old clips of Floyd's legendary battles, it is Tracy's fights they study in earnest.

"When I look at films of myself, I always see more bad than good," said Floyd. "Now, I do the same thing with Tracy. That way, he can work on correcting his mistakes."

So far, the mistakes have been few and far between. Tracy, 22, was floored by Karry Allen in perhaps his toughest match, but like his father so often did, he got up and rallied back to win. Whether or not Tracy can also duplicate his father's feat of winning a world title remains to be seen, but he certainly knows what he wants.

"I set goals for myself," said Tracy. "And my goal is to be one of the greatest fighters of all time."

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF TRACY HARRIS PATTERSON

New Paltz, New York featherweight
Born: December 26, 1964
Managed and trained by Floyd Patterson

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1985	
June 19	Ray Dougherty	Totowa	W 4
July 19	Paul Mays	Poughkeepsie	KO 1
Sept. 18	Paul Moore	Atlantic City	KO 1
Oct. 30	Mike Brown	Atlantic City	W 6
		1986	
Jan. 8	Darrell Jacobs	Atlantic City	KO 4
Feb. 12	Lamont Buchanan	Mt. Clemens	KO 5
Mar. 1	Walter Cowan	Peoria	W 6
Mar. 21	Darrell Jacobs	Long Beach	W 6
Mar. 26	Mike Parraz	Mt. Clemens	KO 1
Mar. 21	Ricky West	Mt. Clemens	W 6
June 21	James Woodhouse	Atlantic City	W 6
June 28	Tom Elston	Williamsport	W 6
Oct. 31	Fred Reed Hall	Atlantic City	KO 1
Dec. 2	Felix Cortez	Atlantic City	KO 1
Dec. 13	Richard Campbell	Atlantic City	KO 2
Jan. 16	Karry Allen	Atlantic City	W 8
		1987	
Feb. 6	Gene Salazar	Reseda	KO 3

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSES	DRAWS	KOs
17	17	0	0	9

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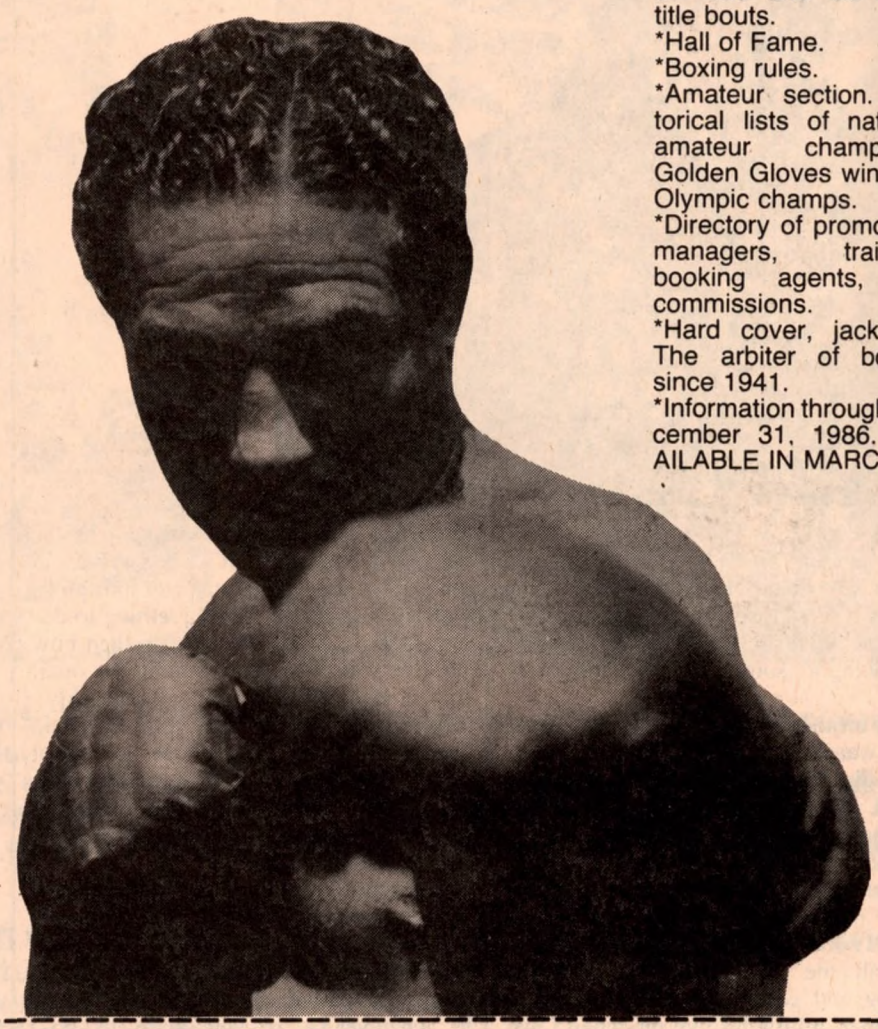

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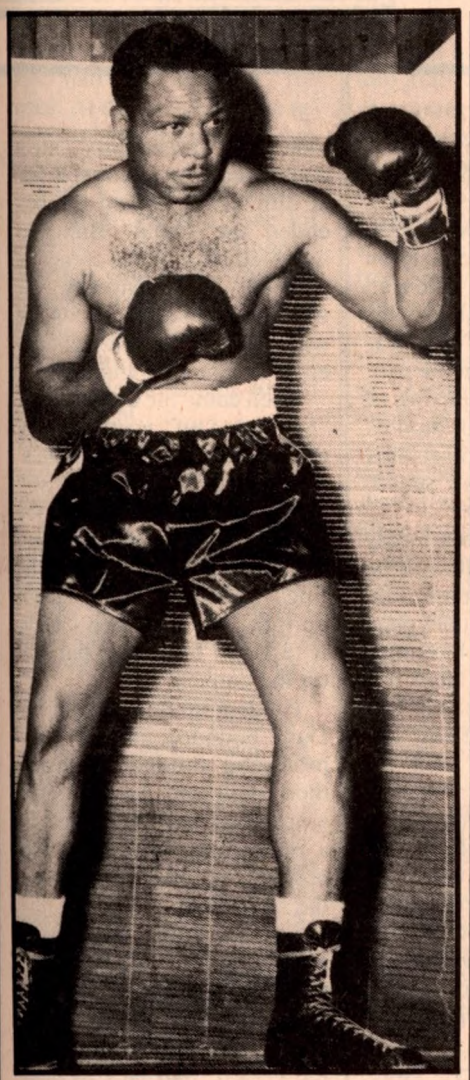
by Herbert G. Goldman



Archie Moore's 126 career knockouts put him on top of the all-time kayo list.

Q: Was Ernie Rice ever lightweight champion of the world?

A: *No, Rice, who boxed from 1912 to 1930, won the vacant British title by knocking out Ben Callicott in London's National Sporting Club on April 11, 1921 and the European crown by knocking out defending champion Georges Papin on May 9th of the same year. He lost both championships when Seaman Hall outpointed him at Liverpool Stadium on September 18, 1922. Rice (1896-1979) had a career record of 51-24-2.*

Q: Was Sam Langford ever the heavyweight champion of Mexico?

JOE McNEAL
St. Ann, Mo.

A: *Langford held the championship of Australia during 1912-13 and the Mexican title in the early '20s. Residency requirements for national titles were extremely loose in those days. Sam should have been world champ, but never got a chance at any global title.*

Q: Is Jimmy Barry, the world 108-pound champ in the late '90s, in the Hall of Fame?

ALBERT EPSTEIN
Scranton, Pa.

A: *Barry, who was undefeated as a professional, is still not in the Hall.*

Q: What happened to Leo Randolph, the 1976 Olympic flyweight champ?

DANIEL WITHEE
Red Bank, N.J.

A: *Randolph retired after Sergio Palma relieved him of the WBA junior featherweight title on August 9, 1980. He was 17-2 in the pro ring.*

Q: Who refereed the Sailor Tom Sharkey-Bob Fitzsimmons fight of 1902?

MIKE SAAVEDRA
Ione, Calif.

A: *Wyatt Earp was the notorious referee who gave the bout to Sharkey on a foul and then used his guns to handle the dissent.*

Q: When did the junior divisions originate?

JESSE PUCK
Orlando, Fla.

A: *The New York State Athletic Commission, created by the Walker Law, recognized the following divisions at the time of its inception in 1920: junior flyweight, 109; flyweight, 112; junior bantam weight, 115; bantamweight, 118; junior featherweight, 122; featherweight, 126; junior lightweight, 130; lightweight, 135; junior welterweight, 140; welterweight, 147; middleweight, 160; light heavyweight, 175; heavyweight, over 175. Efforts to trace the junior classes before 1920 have not been fruitful. There are a lot of claims regarding champions in the junior lightweight division, none of which will hold much water. The junior middleweight division was created in 1962.*

Q: Who was *The Ring* "Fighter of the Year" for 1970?

ROBERT I. OTTERSEN
San Marcos, Calif.

A: *Joe Frazier.*

Q: Boxer Luis Resto and trainer Panama Lewis were convicted of removing the horsehair padding from the gloves in a fight with Billy Collins Jr. Was Robin Blake ever on the receiving end of such tactics and, if so, when and where, and vs. whom?

PAUL J. GRZESCZUK
Marlton, N.J.

A: *Have no definite knowledge of any such incident regarding Blake.*

Q: Where can I get fight films?

DON KNOCH
Antioch, Tenn.

A: *No place. The gentlemen who control the rights to most fight footage are not making the films available to the public.*

Q: Does Archie Moore still hold the record for most kayoes?

JERRY HOLMAN
Wichita Falls, Texas

A: *Yes. The Mongoose is first on the list with 129 kayoes, followed by Young Stribling with 126, Billy Bird, 125; Sam Langford, 116; George Odwell, 114; Sugar Ray Robinson, 110; Sandy Saddler, 103; Henry Armstrong, 100; Jimmy Wilde, 99; and Len Wickwar, 93.*

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE RING'S Fighter of the Month, Evander Holyfield, puts Henry Tillman down for the final time.

Evander Holyfield cast friendship aside when he faced Henry Tillman in the first defense of his WBA junior heavyweight championship. Holyfield then cast Tillman aside, punishing his former Olympic teammate for a seven-round TKO that earned Holyfield *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month award.

Runner-up to Holyfield is **Thomas Hearns,** who stopped Dennis Andries in the 10th round to capture the WBC light heavyweight championship (full report next month). The victory made Hearns the 12th man in boxing history to acquire world titles in three different weight classes, "The Hit Man" having previously won titles as a welterweight and junior middleweight.

Also deserving consideration are **Fidel Bassa, Dodie Penalosa** and **Terry Marsh.**

Bassa, a Colombian, took the WBA flyweight crown from the head of Hilario Zapata via a 15-round decision, while Penalosa, former IBF junior flyweight champion from the Philippines, lifted the IBF flyweight crown from the head of Hil-Sup Shin. Marsh stopped Joe Manley in the 10th frame to win the IBF junior welter championship before his home folks in England. □

HONEYGHAN-BUMPHUS
IBF Welterweight Title

WEMBLEY, ENG—WBC AND IBF welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan silenced those critics who alleged his victory over Don Curry was just a fluke, a flash in the pan, by emphatically disposing of American Johnny Bumphus, Mt. Laurel, NJ in 55 seconds of round two of their scheduled 15-rounder.

Bumphus was precariously balanced on the bottom rope when American referee Sam Williams pulled Honeyghan off, Bumphus would have toppled onto the press table if a couple of helping hands had not kept him from doing so.

Honeyghan, 146 and six ounces, had been preparing for this fight in America, where manager Mickey Duff arranged top sparring, which included Buster Drayton. Lloyd had come to do a job, and he did just that. He wasted no time, and Bumphus, 145½, must have been bewildered at the speed of it all.

As against Curry, Honeyghan was out of his corner quickly, taking the fight to his southpaw opponent and making light of conceding height and reach. Honeyghan drove his man across the ring, and although Bumphus did his best to trade punch for punch, Honeyghan was hitting the harder.

As Bumphus backed away, Honeyghan threw a right hook to the jaw that deposited Bumphus in a sitting position with his back against the ropes. He took the mandatory eight count, then the champion was at him again. When the bell ended the round, Bumphus wobbled back to his corner on unsteady legs. Already, the writing seemed to be on the wall of the Wembley conference Centre's Grand Hall.

Then came the controversy. "Seconds Out" was called by the timekeeper, but Bumphus' manager Lou Duva was still only halfway through the ropes when the bell rang and Honeyghan shot across the ring. Bumphus had just got upright, but was then caught with a left hook that put him on the canvas.

Pandemonium reighned. Duva bounded into the ring, protesting strongly. Williams then indicated to the three judges that they should deduct a point from Honeyghan and ordered the timekeeper to ring the bell again.

So Honeyghan had been penalized for sticking to the rules, which clearly indicate that once that bell goes it's every man for himself. And the video playback reveals that the bell had indeed sounded before the blow was struck.

It has been noticeable that in some world title fights in Britain, overseas boxers often have been slow in leaving their corners, thus gaining more time. Up to now, no one has sought to take advantage of this, which is completely within the rules. So full marks to Honeyghan for doing so. Maybe overseas opponents will stop pulling this stroke

after what happened?

In any event, it didn't affect the outcome. The bell went again, and, strangely, both boxers were in the center of the ring when it did instead of in their corners. Honeyghan was after his man like a flash, forcing him against the ropes and throwing left-right, left-right, left-right with monotonous regularity until Bumphus was halfway through the ropes. At that juncture, the referee decided that enough was enough.

It was a ruthless, merciless Honeyghan. He had gone for broke by taking the fight to Bumphus with no preliminary sparring. This is always a gamble, but the champion oozed confidence and never allowed his opponent to get into the fight.

Victory over a former world champion was impressive enough. But the manner of his victory was outstanding. Ever since some critics alleged that beating Curry was a fluke because of Curry's weight problems, Honeyghan had vowed to make his first defense a memorable one. It was, and doubly so because it was in front of his own supporters.

Was Lou Duva's protest justified? Bobby Lee, president of the IBF, said "The first rule of boxing is to defend yourself—AT ALL TIMES! And Bumphus did not do that. I saw everything that went on, and Honeyghan did nothing wrong. How can you penalize a man who played by the rules? Honeyghan took full advantage of Bumphus' slowness."

John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, was quoted as saying: "As soon as he heard 'Seconds Out,' referee Williams should have been in the center of the ring. That would have given him complete control of what was going on."

Lou Duva alleged that Bumphus was still on his stool when he was hit. The video playback revealed he was upright. He also alleged that the blow was struck before the bell sounded. Again, the playback revealed otherwise.

Honeyghan stated that this was a deliberate ploy on his part, saying, "Lou Duva took a long time to get out of the ring, and I knew I could catch Bumphus off guard."

There had been quite a buildup to this contest. There was an argument about which type goves should be used, with Honeyghan getting his way. The British Boxing Board of Control had "recommended" to the fight promoters that the two National Anthems should not be played when the boxers were in the ring before the contest for fear there would be interruptions by a small hooligan element. But the promoters said they thought this was a tradition which should be retained. It was, and there was no trouble.

The now normal eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation took place when the referee was issuing his instructions. At one period, the fighters were actually touching. Honeyghan was resplendent in a sequinned dressing-gown with trunks to match and hardly could wait for the opening bell. He was a man in a hurry and was superbly fit, thanks to trainer Bobby Neill and his American preparation.

Afterwards, Honeyghan said, "I didn't shave, and I stopped sparring about 10 days ago. I wanted to feel rough and ready—ready to eat that guy alive. As far as I was concerned, it was Rambo business. I was there to fight, not mess around."

Manager Mickey Duff added, "I am delighted at Lloyd's performance. He's in a mood—he's possessed. There has been talk of a fight with Mark Breland, but Mark is, of course, banned by the WBC for two years (for fighting South African Harold Volbrecht).

"Maybe the WBC will change their rules. If so, I will be delighted if Lloyd could be matched with Breland, but we do not want to do anything that might get us into trouble. Lloyd gave up his WBA title because he had been ordered to meet a South African opponent, and he could also be in trouble if he even meets the winner of an eliminator which involves a South African."

Honeyghan added, "Beating Bumphus meant more to me than beating Curry. I was determined to show the world that Lloyd Honeyghan is for real, not a one-fight wonder."

Latest news on Honeyghan's next fight is that it could be in April, in either London, Jamaica (his birthplace) or Monte Carlo, where Prince Rainier is interested. Opponent? Who knows? And, as Honeyghan says, "Who cares? Let 'em all come."

As for Honeyghan's future, Duff remarked, "I can see Lloyd running out of opponents in the welterweight division and maybe moving up to junior middleweight."

Whereupon Honeyghan snapped; "Yes, then maybe there will be a return with Curry. It would be nice to beat him again."

Light-heavyweight Mark Kaylor, Westham, won an eight-round decision over American James Shavers.

Heavyweight Gary Mason, Wandsworth, stopped American Rod Smith in 94 seconds. Roland Dakin, referee. (2-22-87)

RON OLVER

CZYZ-EDWARDS

IBF Light-heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—IT was no Saturday afternoon serenade on the boardwalk. Just a perfect pow-pow short story script to thrill the audience. It didn't matter that this trip lasted only five minutes; it was hell on canvas nonetheless. Both men cut. Both men down. Both men over-anxious to pull the trigger. Like nitroglycerin on a bumby road, you just know it had to explode. The buzz words in Trump Plaza's Convention Hall arena became how and when.

The when part was penciled in at the 2:16 mark of round two. When the proverbial smoke cleared, the king was still atop his throne. Bobby (Chappie) Czyz, 174¼, of Wanaque, NJ, had successfully defended his IBF light-heavyweight crown with a KO over Willie (Sandman) Edwards, 175, Detroit. It was scheduled for the manly distance of 15 rounds. Manly yes, but women loved this one, too. Who wouldn't have?

The how part demands somewhat deeper description. The fight (this was no boxing match) began tentatively enough, but within a minute Czyz was able to penetrate and sting his foe with quick-handed combinations. Was Edwards to become a mere mandatory sacrificial lamb? Would it be two straight one-rounders for Bobby? Yeah, but would he become the victim this time?

Shortly after a collision of heads in mid ring, Edwards drove Czyz to the ropes near Czyz's corner and landed a telling right that had the champion squatting on the lower strands. The knockdown timekeeper counted to two. The bell rang, the count halted, but nevertheless a knockdown was ruled by referee Rudy Battle (a judgement call if he feels the force of the blow would have caused an actual knockdown if not for the ropes holding the boxer up) thus giving the first round to Edwards.

At the press conference after, Willie said, "Just give me 15 more seconds in the first round and I'd be champion." Both Czyz and his camp disputed the knockdown and Bobby himself felt he was more stunned by the butt than by the punches that came after. "What caused the (left eye) abrasion was what led me to

be hit with the right hand," said the champ "The butt had the side of my head ringing. As I backed up into the corner, he hit me with a right hand. It was no one's fault but my own if I looked sloppy and didn't listen to Tommy Parks (his chief trainer). With my lack of height (listed at 5'9") and reach, I tend to get hit now and then."

Round two saw Edwards fly out of his corner to close the issue, but Czyz was ready. If there is anything that has been Czyz trademark from day one, it is his willingness to fire back when tagged. This was no exception. "I used his over-confidence to his disadvantage. I could have boxed outside, but the ends justify the means," Czyz told the gathered press.

In the ensuing punch-out, Edwards suffered a gash outside his right eye. Bothered by the appearance of his own blood, he left the door open for a voracious and demoralizing onslaught by Czyz. Admittedly "a little dazed before the knockout," Edwards was backed into his own corner by what the champ himself described as a "shotgun jab." Czyz let loose a heat-seeking thunderbolt of a right that leveled his foe with unimpeachable finality. It was a no need to count ending, as a still full of gusto Czyz let emotions fly with a glove waving taunt of his fallen victim. Later Czyz explained, "that was just an excess of energy. If the fight had gone 10 rounds, I probably wouldn't have had the energy left to do that."

What he has left is a possible July TV bout with Tommy Hearns, if, said Czyz, "public emotion generated by it warrants it." CBS may think twice. Czyz is marketable, and they were certainly pleased by the action. But television needs a certain amount of rounds (four?) in order to come out on top via commercials. Though the arena was not sold out, a spokesman for The Trump Plaza said they were happy with the drop that day.

The judges for the title bout were, John Stewart of New Jersey, Tony Castellano of New York and Keith Saeks of Ohio.

(Diamond) Jim MacDonald, 176, Gains, MI, KOd Rusty Rosenberger, 176¼, Niles, Ohio, at 1:14 of round two, scheduled for 10. Rosenberger was dropped twice in that round—both by single right hands. Referee Ted Pick didn't even bother to count after the second one.

Southpaw Tracy Spann, 138¾, Plainfield, NJ, looked sharp in taking a six-round unanimous nod over Anthony Andrews, 141, Brooklyn. Spann put Andrews down in round two and took scores of 58-53 from Ron Burns, and 58-55 from both William Kostrub and Tom Kaczmarek. The ref was Paul Venti. Spann is 12-0, eight KOs.

Cornell Sims, 159, E. Orange, NJ, and Lonnie Adams, 156¼, Phila, boxed to a six-round draw. All cards were 57-57. Ref; Venti.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Promoter—Frank Gelb in association with Carlo Dee.

(02-21-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

WARREN-HATCHER

SACRAMENTO—JUNIOR-WELterweight Frankie Warren pounded out a unanimous, 10-round decision over former WBA world champion Gene Hatcher at the Arco Arena that left no doubt about Warren's claim to a title shot. Hatcher was rugged all the way, but came away looking as if he ran through a plate glass window.

Warren, from Corpus Christi, Texas, suffered a butt in the second round and for the next five rounds blood flowed from his left eye. Bothered for awhile by the cut, Warren came on strong and wailed away at Hatcher, opening wounds around both eyes and splitting his left ear in the eighth.

There are three world champions in the junior-welterweight division, but not one has been able to command the interest of network television. Warren made his fourth TV appearance in the past year, increasing his record to 22-0, 14 by knockout.

Hatcher, from Forth Worth, Texas, was guilty of hitting low on two occasions in the late rounds. Now with a pro record of 27-3, 20 by knockout, Hatcher tossed many less punches than Warren, but landed the hardest one of the affair. Halfway into the final round, Warren ran into a right hand that wrinkled his knees.

Referee Pros Montano scored it 99-92, while judge Rudy Ortega has it 98-93 and Hank Elespuru tabbed it 95-94, for some unexplainable reason. *The Ring* had it 98-92, giving the loser only the 4th and 10th rounds.

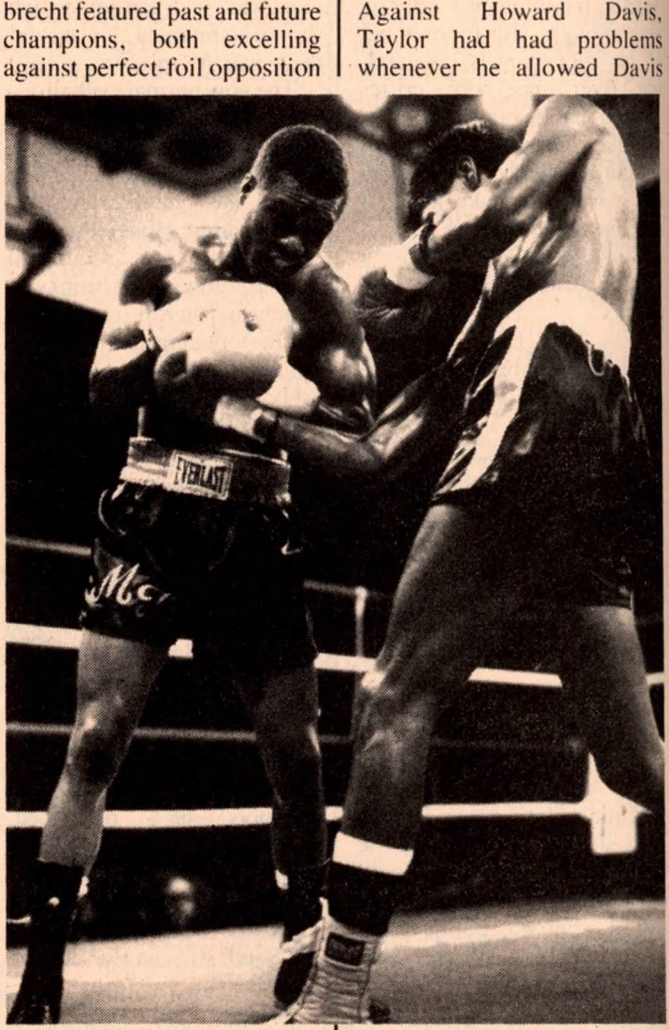
(2-15-87)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

TAYLOR-MONTOYA QAWI-MALDONADO

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—THE undercard of Breland-Volbrecht featured past and future champions, both excelling against perfect-foil opposition at the Trump Plaza. Though the conclusions were foregone; both Meldrick Taylor and Dwight Muhammad Qawi impressed in their manner of victory. Taylor, normally a beehive of activity, showed he's gaining some mastery of the subtler points of boxing and pacing. And Qawi still exhibited some of the old buzzsaw enthusiasm, despite heavyweight baggage.

Taylor, 137, Phila., defeated Roque Montoya, 136¾, Reynosa, Mex, via Miami Beach, by unanimous decision in a busy, but one-sided 10. Though on the short end in major matches, Montoya is capable of beating anyone not in the top 10 . . . or a contender giving a second-rate performance. But Taylor was near perfect, except for the lack of a knockout. Against Howard Davis, Taylor had had problems whenever he allowed Davis



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Lightweight contender Meldrick Taylor (left) mixes it up with Roque Montoya en route to a 10-round unanimous decision in Atlantic City. The victory raised Taylor's pro record to 14-0-1 with eight knockouts.

Dwight Muhammad Qawi (right) rocks Sixto Maldonado with a right to the head on his way to a fourth round knockout. It was Qawi's first start since losing the WBA junior heavyweight title to Evander Holyfield.

PHOTO BY ERIC B. HUGHES

room. But in this fight, he began to escape the strictures of the off-the-rack inside banger. Taylor abandoned the full-tilt charge and displayed some artful slipping, which enabled him to punch from medium range. Trainer George Benton was a master of the skill. Only unfamiliarity may have kept his student from scoring a knockout.

Judges Milo Savage and Joe Pasquale each scored 99-90, while John Poturaj had 100-89. Ted Pick refereed.

"I'm showing more ring generalship and more mobility," the winner concured. "I want to get more experience and more wins and build my record up. I've seen a lot of styles, and I haven't fought any bums."

By contrast, Camden's Qawi became angered when ringside press teased him about his 207 pounds and took it out on opponent Sixto Maldonado, 197, Phila. Though no title threat, the rugged journeyman Maldonado had reportedly given Pinklon Thomas an uneasy night. But after a tentative start to feel him out, Qawi tore Maldonado apart with a vigorous assault. Maldonado's left eye was closing in the second, and in the fourth a double left hook to the body and right uppercut to the chin ended the scheduled 10 with an exclamation point at 1:42. Maldonado was out for several minutes. Meanwhile, Michelangelo could hardly have been more proud of his work than was Qawi. As evocative outside the ring as he is stern inside, Qawi first issued a general challenge to Mike Tyson, then took revenge on his press row tormentors in expressive, but largely unprintable language. Randy Neumann refereed.

PHOTO BY WILL HART

Farrod Pinchback, 167, Jamaica, NY, upset red-hot Rick Dabney, 162¾, Pleasantville, NJ, by unanimous decision, four. In a do-or-die struggle, Dabney never got untracked from two knockdowns in the second. Ref, Pick.

Nearly gone, Chris "Choirboy" Meakem, 150½, Ringwood, NJ, made a miracle comeback to batter George Ross, 152, Williamsport, Pa, into submission with a savage body attack at 2:12 of the third of a pier-sixer scheduled for four. Ref, Neumann.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events Monitor Prod'ns).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—2,832.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(02-06-87)

J.R. JOWETT

PINANGO-DUARTE
WBA Bantamweight Title

INGLEWOOD CALIF.—VENezuelan Bernardo Pinango, 118, Caracas, controversially retained his WBA bantamweight championship with bloody, 15-round unanimous decision over Frankie Duarte, 117¾, Venice. Duarte, making a well-documented three-year comeback from drug and alcohol abuse after joining Dan Goossen's Ten Goose Stable, was the Forum crowd favorite, and the decision by three Latin American officials was extremely unpopular with his hometown fans.

Pinango was floored in the 12th round and was penalized three points for low blows, but *The Ring* could not argue with the scoring of judges Roberto Ramirez of Puerto Rico (142-141), Rodolfo Hill of Panama (143-140) and Juan Maio of Argentina (145-140).

Duarte fought bravely and to the absolute limit of his abilities, but the fouling tactics of Pinango only made the decision close. On nine occasions, Pinango was warned for low blows, including the three times he lost a point. But Pinango threw stinging punches relentlessly in combination from all angles and won most of the rounds.

Duarte certainly looked like a loser. From the third round, he was bleeding from a cut above his right eye. In the 10th, a cut near his left eye was ripped open. But the mask of blood did not keep Duarte from roaring forward nonstop, always looking for the knockout.

Pinango clearly outscored the 32-year-old Duarte in the first two rounds, but a point reduction for Pinango's fourth low left hook made the second a 9-9 round.

Duarte controlled the action in the third, hurting the 26-year-old champion twice with left hooks. But Maio, whose five-point margin was obviously unfair to Duarte, called the round even.

Pinango's accurate punching and awkwardly effective defense piled up the points in rounds four through seven, with the fourth even when Pinango's sixth low blow lost him another point.

All three officials scored the eighth even, but Duarte closed the margin when referee Hubert Earle of Nova

Scotia penalized Pinango a third and final time for another very low left hook. Duarte was outboxed in the ninth, then buckled the champions knees with a right hand to win the 10th.

Pinango dominated the 11th and Duarte needed a knockout to win, which he almost produced in the 12th. A minute into the round a right hand sent Pinango crashing to the canvas. Duarte attacked wildly, but couldn't find the crafty, solid-chinned Pinango for the finisher. Incredibly, Maio scored this round only 10-9 for Duarte.

Duarte lost his poise as Pinango counter-punched the charging challenger brilliantly in the 13th. But Duarte staged a typically courageoous rally in the final two rounds, outworking the sharper hitting champion. Maio, who missed a great fight, scored both rounds for Pinango.

The Forum fans, anticipating a Duarte victory and appreciating his gallant effort, showered the ring with money. But Duarte, a winner with his fans and, more importantly, in life, was correctly judged a loser on the official scorecards.

A rematch? A definite possibility, perhaps in September, according to both champs. Frankie Duarte, "The miracle of The Goose," certainly deserves one.

Pinango (21-2-2) received $65,000 for the third defense of his bantamweight title Duarte (41-7-1) earned $15,000.

Juan Jose Estrada, 119, Tijuana, scored an entertaining 10-round, unanimous decision over Edel Geronimo, 117½, Manila. While Geronimo (24-5-3) rallied in the late rounds, Estrada (27-5) always boxed and fought impressively. Scoring: Dr. James Jen-Kin 96-94; Chuck Hassett 97-93; Rudy Jordan 97-94. Lou Moret, referee.

Lindell Holmes, 166½, Detroit, retained his USBA super middleweight title when Lamont Kirkland, 167, Pasadena, turned his back and quit at 1:25 of the ninth of a terribly slow scheduled 12. Kirkland (23-3) made this one horrible by throwing very few punches and holding continuously. Holmes is 32-4-1. Larry Rosadilla, referee.

Gilberto Sosa, 111, Mexico City, took an unsatisfactory disqualification verdict over defending titleholder Jimmy Fernandez, 111, Minatitlan, to become the new Mexican flyweight champion. Sosa (15-5-2) and Fernandez (42-25-3) were even on points when Sosa could not continue after a clash of heads. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Robert Lewis, 131, Los Angeles, floored Derrick Hudson, 135, Bakersfield, in the third and won a hard fought four-round unanimous decision. Fritz Werner, referee.

Andre Smith, 128½, Los Angeles, kayoed Arnulfo Luna, 130, Bakersfield, with a series of right hands in 2:26 of the second of a scheduled four. Raul Caiz, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill—ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, Aaron Koslow—timekeepers.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr.—ring announcer
Antonio Curtis—matchmaker
Jerry Buss—promoter
(2-3-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

CURRY-MONTGOMERY
USBA Jr. Middleweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—UNLESS Donald Curry's bruised right hand has become a complication, the new United State Boxing Association junior middleweight champion will return here for a pre-summer appearance on Top Rank's anniversary program at Caesars Palace.

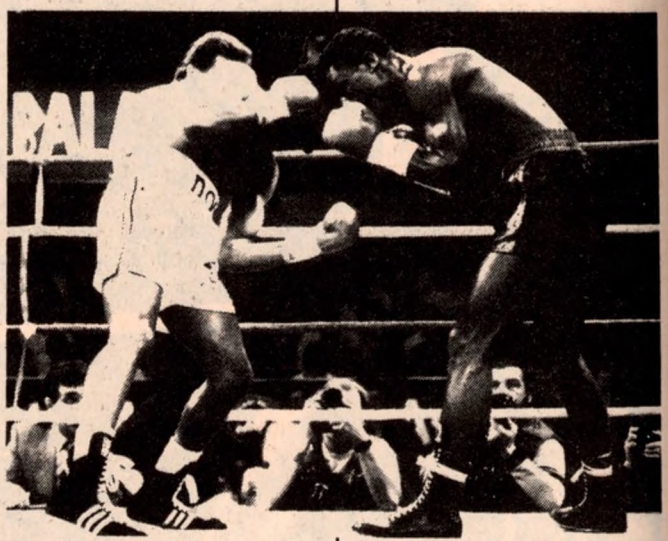
Bob Arum, TR's board chairman, announced the projection as Curry soaked the injured member in an ice bucket while mixing with media following his disqualification victory over Tony Montgomery at Caesars' Sports Pavilion.

Curry, still the pride of Fort Worth, was a going-away winner before a bizarre ending occurred when referee Jim Molinell dismissed Montgomery for repeatedly using head butts from the second through the fifth and final round of a scheduled 12-rounder. Molinell's action came at 2:29.

The previously undefeated Montgomery, now 17-1, 10 KOs, admitted trying to massage Curry's forehead with his own. But the Detroit entry blamed "my personal frustration," not malicious intent in repeatedly fouling the former world welterweight champion.

Curry' transformation at 153½ was complete over the ill-prepared, 147-pound ruler whose first career loss cost him his title against Lloyd Honeyghan last Sept. 27 on a six-round TKO in Atlantic City.

The sleek Texan was in command practically from the opening bell, dropping Montgomery, 154, in the second and fourth rounds, the bell intervening both times. Curry, moving straight at his rival, saw his official tally fattened when Molinell deducted points from Montgomery's tab for infractions in the fourth and fifth rounds after three warnings.



Tony Montgomery (right) leads with his head against Donald Curry in their Las Vegas clash that ended when Montgomery was disqualified for repeated butting.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Combining knockdowns and penalty points, Curry led 40-32 on the judging of Las Vegans Dalby Shirley, Bill Graham and Dave Moretti.

What could have been a nasty incident at mid-ring was averted by cooler heads after an exasperated Curry hit Montgomery with a right seconds after the fight was stopped. Stan Hoffman, the latter's manager, countered with handfuls of ice cubes across the ring and cornerman Sonny Ray tried to charge the new USBA junior middle ruler.

David Gorman, Curry's strategy consultant, rushed out in his fighter's defense just as an unidentified hotel security guard grabbed Hoffman. The skirmish never exceeded shoving and insults on both sides before order was restored.

Duane Ford, Nevada State Athletic Commision chairman, promptly announced, "We will not pay or release Montgomery's check until we can sort out all the improprieties in the ring and check the video tapes.

"It is possible both fighters will be disqualified, but right now it stands as a disqualification win for Curry," Ford said. "Curry was flagrant throwing a punch after the fight it's inexcusable by an ex-champion."

Curry ambitiously seeks a second world title, but appears agreeable to fight in Vegas on Top Rank's anniversary show "if a suitable opponent can be found."

"If Curry is going to make a significant move on the winner of Marvelous Marvin Hagler—Sugar Ray Leonard fight, it would be good for him to be on a local show, so he can be seen by the world press," said Arum. "They'll all be in town to cover Hagler-Leonard Apr. 6. I'm thinking about guys like Carlos Santos or Dave Braxton as possible opponents. Right now, nobody knows what Hagler or

Leonard is going to do. A lot of things will depend on who wins that fight."

"Montgomery butted me in the nose and the head. He was desperate trying to win on a head butt," Curry later reflected." I was just mad . . . I lost my cool. I'm sorry now, but he kept trying to do it. Montgomery wanted to bail out and get himself disqualified.

"I hurt my right hand on that knockdown near my corner. It's not bad like the first time when I felt the pain to the bone . . . this is just sore. I was determined after the first round to walk through this guy. I made one mistake trying to get him out with one punch. I got excited and that's when I hurt my hand."

Winning the vacant United States Boxing Association 154-pound crown isn't a big money thing for Curry. But his performance against Montgomery seemingly gave credence Donald had stayed too long in the welter division when he lost his title to the unsung Honeyghan in boxing's biggest upset of many years.

Montgomery was never in the hunt and thoroughly outclassed, making the weird ending purely academic.

"I'm more determined now than ever," said Curry. "I want to take my career in my own hands. I want to fight the winner or loser of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard fight. I want to be world champion again and I will."

To his credit, Montgomery was a gentleman in defeat, extolling the superb talents of Curry and convincing attending media the butts were probably unintentional.

"I wasn't trying to butt Curry, but I got confused because I was getting hit with some good shots, and I couldn't do what I wanted to do. I didn't hit Curry good enough to get his respect early and if you don't put some fear in his heart, Curry becomes a tiger."

Curry, raising his credentials to 26-1, 21 KOs, immediately put the pressure on Montgomery, scoring with double hooks to the head and body off a snapping jab. Concentrating on the body, Curry had his opponent backing up early.

Montgomery made his first miscue with the head early in the second round and then got off a rare two punches in succession, catching Curry with overhand rights. The Lone Star state's hero was unaffected, ripping off two rights, a left-right combo, three lefts upstairs and a right to the body.

Curry then caught Montgomery coming in with a straight right, dropping the Detroiter in Donald's corner. Wobbly, Tony rose at the count of six, an instant before the bell.

While Montgomery was clearly lunging at his tormentor, trying to get back int he fight, Curry continued to rake the outgunned advertsary. Another head butt only drew a warning from Molinell.

Early in the fourth, Donald picked up a point when he caught Montgomery's head over the eyebrow. In legal retaliation, Curry decked Montgomery with a short right to the stomach. The Michigan hopeful, who had never been down previously as an amateur or pro, took an eight count on his left knee, rising in time to hear the bell.

Opening the fifth, Montgomery's left eye had a knot under it. Things weren't going to get better as Curry fired a punishing four-punch volley. Montgomery's "billygoat" attack continued as he tried to get inside, only to be penalized another point.

The fast-tiring Montgomery was staggered by a triple jab and two right crosses. One more butt and the referee quickly waved the party over.

(2-7-87)

JACK WELSH

OLAJIDE-LEE

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—WHEN Livingstone Bramble abruptly opted out of his national TV date with Cornelius Boza-Edwards, NBC executives were reportedly miffed at Don King Productions. But maybe they'd been done a favor. The replacement, at the Sands, turned out to be a corking good fight, which also produced a possible heir apparent to the mighty throne of Marvin Hagler.

In a scheduled 10, Michael Olajide, 160½, Vancouver via NYC, TKO'd Don Lee, 161½, Gary, Ind, via Tyler, TX, at 1:12 of the ninth. It was a rare contest in which both fighters lived up to their nicknames. Known as "The Silk," Olajide showed smooth, unruffled technique to overcome "Dangerous Don," who, though he failed to connect, nevertheless had a profound influence on Mike's tactics.

The Canadian showed obvious respect for the lanky southpaw's power, boxing cautiously in strict adherence to a disciplined battle plan. Though it may or may not have come across to the TV audience, the logistic battle provided an electric tension that wasn't lost on the live crowd. Not until the fifth did the patient Olajide see his chance, stepping smartly inside a lazy right jab and countering with a crackling left hook that sat the potent puncher on the canvas. Still, Olajide bided his time into the eighth, then began his move to checkmate. A left hook sent Lee wobbling to his corner at the bell, and Lee was ready to be taken at the start of the ninth. With one whole side of his face swollen and legs gone, he stumbled blindly into a right counter that sent him reeling in reverse. Olajide pursued, with a left hook and popping right flooring the stricken fighter. Ref Vinnie Rainone waved it over without a count.

The dramatic plan-overpower victory had a decided David & Goliath flavor. Olajide emerged as a possible saving grace when the incompetents who run boxing begin doing their worst to vulgarize the once-proud middleweight championship. Lee had commented before the bout, ". . . I hear he fights like he looks . . . real cute." But it was Olajide who had the last word. "Because of the modeling career, people think, 'As soon as he gets hit, is he going to be able to take a punch?'" he said, alluding to his stylish appearance. "I think I proved today there's nothing like that in Michael Olajide."

In a bout made competitive by equally negative performances, Charles Campbell, 162½, Ft. Worth, was lucky to be awarded a unanimous win over Victor Claudio, 162½, Woodside, NY, eight. Both looked bad, with ragged timing, porous defense and little ability to follow up an advantage. But the result was a rock-'em, sock-'em slugfest, with both fighters busted up, bleeding and rocked several times. A right sucker punch dropped Campbell in the third, and he was battered badly through the round. Lulls in Claudio's offense, however, constantly let the determined Texan back into the fight, and he ended up stealing a win. Ref, Joe O'Neil.

Mark Miller, 140¼, Cincinnati, impressed with a spirited attack that blew out Ray Serrano, 138, Warminster, Pa, at 1:47 of the first of a scheduled four. Ray was twice dropped by head-snapping rights when ref O'Neil ruled a TKO.

Likewise, Ricky Marquez, 126½, Juncos, PR, via Queens, fired a sizzling right uppercut to drop Phil Carter, 125, Phila., on his face for a TKO at 1:39 of the first of a scheduled four. Ref, Rainone.

Southpaw Ricky Hesia, 140¾, Honolulu via Latham, NY, outhustled another lefty, Tony Lane, 139¼, Youngstown, Ohio, for a unanimous win in a scrambling four. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter—HBA East & Madison Square Garden Boxing.

Matchmaker—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.

Attendance—400 (est.).

Judges—Rich Strange, Frank Brunette & Phil Newman.

Timekeeper—Art Spell.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(02-01-87)

J.R.JOWETT

PARK-SAM

IBF Super Middleweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA—BEFUDDLED by the good jab and one-two combinations of challenger Doug Sam, IBF super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park rallied for a TKO victory at 1:55 of the 15th round.

Making his sixth title defense, Park found the Austra-

lian challenger a much better boxer than expected. The Korean champion and his manager Hyun-Chi Kim figured Sam, who had won his last 12 fights by knockout, to be a quick starter with little technique. Instead, Sam adopted a wait-and-see attitude, using jabs and countering the frustrated Park.

Sam, piloted by Geoffrey Hui, won the first round of the give-and-take affair with his jab. The second and third cantos were taken by Park, who weighed 167 1/2. Sam 166 1/4, pressed the the action in the fourth, scoring many jabs and one-twos to the face, but Park, crouching, weaving and ducking, scored well in the next round.

The action continued to see-saw, Sam pushing the champion back with sharp, straight punches in the sixth only to see Park come back with strong rights and reckless aggression in the next two frames. However, Park, bleeding from the nose, appeared weary after the eighth, and Sam stung him repeatedly in the ninth.

Sam rested in the 10th, covering up against Park's retaliation, and Park regained his rhythm and zip thanks to Sam's tactics. From the 11th round on, Park was in complete command, boring in and forcing Sam on the defensive. The 13th was a good session for Park, and Sam's left eye was puffing badly. Midway through the 14th, referee Herbert Minn of Hawaii had the almost-closed eye of Sam examined by the ring physician. Sam wanted to continue, and the doctor gave his permission.

In the last round, though, Minn stepped in and declared Park the victor, judging Sam unable to continue due to the closed eye. Sam protested as did his cornerman Reg Layton and the partisan Korean crowd of 2,000, which jeered the stoppage.

The scoring of the judges showed that Park would have kept his crown, anyway, as Korean's Chul-Hee Han had Park ahead 138-129 and Emanuel Flores of the Philippines had the champion leading, 135-132. Australian judge Tony Rok called it 134-134.

The win left the 26-year-old Park 43-3-2 with 36 knockouts. Sam, also 26, has 16 knockouts in his 19-2 record. Park received $56,000 from Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions, with the challenger earning $10,000.

Park has been offered $150,000 to defend his title in the United States against Chuck Walker.

(01-25-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

LEE-MUANGSURIN

IBF Junior Featherweight Title

POHANG, KOREA—SLICK punching Korean Seung-Hoon Lee became the IBF junior featherweight champion in his fourth attempt to win the world crown, out-speeding and out-classing Thailand's Prayunsak Muangsurin to score a nine-round victory.

Now 27, Lee had been trying to win a world championship since the age of 19 when he lost a 15-round decision to then WBC super flyweight champion Rafael Orono. Other tries fell short when he was stopped by then WBC bantamweight champ Lupe Pintor in 1982 and when he lost a 15-round decision to former WBA junior featherweight kingpin Victor Callejas in 1986. He got his latest chance when Ji-Won Kim retired unbeaten at the age of 26 to become a singer, leaving the IBF championship vacant.

Lee, one of the best technicians in the Orient, started very cautiously against Muangsurin, the OPBF champion known as the "Korean Killer" for victories over ex-WBC super flyweight champ Chul-Ho Kim and former OBPF champ Yun-Kap Choi. But Lee, who weighed 121 3/4 to Maungsurin's 121 1/2, piled up points with a sharp jab to the face.

Muangsurin came out fighting in the fifth round, throwing roundhouse lefts and rights, but Lee avoided almost all of them with his fine defensive technique. The sixth and seventh followed a similar pattern, with Lee giving a lesson to the aggressive Thai with countering rights followed by left hooks that had Muangsurin slowing down by the eighth canto.

Midway through the ninth round, Lee suddenly turned loose with a flurry of punches. Muangsurin was forced to the ropes, helpless, a red ribbon of blood streaming from his nose. The action ended at 2:25.

"I am very happy to win the world title, as I disappointed Korean fans thrice previously," said Lee, who improved his record to 38-6 with 21 knockouts as Muangsurin fell to 30-4 with 14 kayoes.

Lee, who earned just $8,500 for this title eliminator, $500 less than Muangsurin, would like to challenge WBC super bantamweight champion Samart Payakaroon. But Payakaroon will meet Australia's Jeff Fenech first and Lee will be obliged to either defend his IBF title or confirm his crack at the WBC throne by giving up his newly acquired crown. That decision will be made by Lee's manager Ho-Yun Chun.

(01-18-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHOI-PARK

IBF Junior Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—HWAN CHOI seized the vacant IBF junior flyweight title, coming off the canvas to win a unanimous decision over Cho-Woon Park in Kudok Gymnasium.

The IBF had stripped Filipino Dodie Penalosa of his 108-pound crown in July when Penalosa took a crack at Hilario Zapata's WBA flyweight championship. With Choi capturing the vacant title, Korea now boasts all three junior flyweight champions, Myung-Woo Yuh possessing the World Boxing Association title, with Jung-Koo Chang claiming WBC honors.

Choi had failed in a previous attempt to take the IBF championship, dropping a lopsided, 15-round decision to Penalosa Nov. 16, 1984. But against Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation champ Park, Choi started well and was ahead before the fifth canto.

In that round, Park countered with a well-timed right, and Choi hit the deck for a mandatory eight-count. But Park, weakened by his effort to make 108 pounds, couldn't follow up, and Choi, who weighed 106 1/2, regained command in the sixth.

Choi finished the 12-round battle strong, opening a cut on Park's eyelid and bloodying his nose. The official verdict was obvious, and unanimous, Chae-Son Lee scoring 145-143, Kwang-Woo Lee carding 145-141 and Pyong-Ki Kim seeing it 146-142.

The 23-year-old Choi, who improved his record to 15-1 with five knockouts, expressed the desire to meet both Yuh and Chang in an effort to unify the title, but Korean impresarios seemingly prefer to hold three junior flyweight leaders without making them fight each other.

Park, 20 years old, saw his record slip to 16-2-2, with four knockouts.

(12-07-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

CZYZ PUTS "SANDMAN" TO SLEEP

PHOTOS BY WILL HART

Bobby Czyz defends his IBF light heavyweight title with a second round knockout over Willie (Sandman) Edwards at the Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino, February 21, 1987 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Mike Tyson**** ..... Catskill, N.Y.
2. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyandotte, Mich.
3. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
4. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
7. **James Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
8. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
9. **Tyrell Biggs** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Frank Bruno** ..... England

11. James Broad 12. Razor Ruddock 13. Mike Weaver 14. Carl Williams 15. Joe Bugner 16. Gerry Cooney 17. Larry Alexander 18. David Bey 19. Jose Ribalta 20. Renaldo Snipes.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Evander Holyfield*** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
2. **Ricky Parkey***** ..... Morristown, Tenn.
3. **Dwight Muhammda Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
4. **Bert Cooper** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Henry Tillman** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Lee Roy Murphy** ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
10. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.

11. Osvaldo Ocasio 12. Boone Pultz 13. Tyrone Booze 14. Dorcey Gaymon 15. Jose M. Flores 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Pierre Coetzer 18. Michael Greer 19. Bashiru Ali 20. Anthony Davis.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Bobby Czyz***** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
3. **Thomas Hearns**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
5. **Slobodan Kacar** ..... Yugoslavia
6. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
7. **Juan D. Roldan** ..... Argentina
8. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
9. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Virgil Hill** ..... Grand Forks, N.D.

11. Jean-Marie Emebe 12. Charles Williams 13. Uriah Grant 14. Alex Blanchard 15. Ramzi Hassan 16. Vince Boulware 17. Jim McDonald 18. Kelvin Kelly 19. Don LaLonde 20. Chris Reid.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER** ***** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Herol Graham** ..... England
2. **Iran Barkley** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
3. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada
4. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
5. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
6. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, Calif.
8. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Frank Tate** ..... Houston, Texas
10. **Tim Williams** ..... San Diego, Calif.

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. Don Lee 13. Jose Quinones 14. Doug DeWitt 15. Charlie Boston 16. Mustafa Hamsho 17. Mark Holmes 18. Troy Darrell 19. Jorge Amparo 20. Tony Thornton.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Duane Thomas**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Buster Drayton***** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
5. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
6. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Steve Little 12. Darnell Knox 13. In-Chul Baek 14. Hugo Marinangeli 15. Lupe Aquino 16. Said Skouma 17. Francisco DeJesus 18. Chris Pyatt 19. John David Jackson 20. David Braxton.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN** ***** ..... England
1. **Mark Breland*** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Mt. Laurel, N.J.
8. **Luis Santana** ..... Hawthorne, Calif.
9. **Jun-Sok Hwang** ..... Korea
10. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Ft. Worth, Tex.

11. Sylvester Mittee 12. Seung-Soon 13. Vincent Pettway 14. Horace Shufford 15. Manning Galloway 16. John Munduga 17. Tomas Molinares 18. Jorge Vaca 19. Kirkland Laing 20. Miguel Arroyo.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
2. **Tsuyoshi Hamada**** ..... Japan
3. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
4. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
5. **Terry Marsh***** ..... England
6. **Andy Nance** ..... San Rafael, Calif.
7. **Joe Manley** ..... Detroit
8. **Harold Brazier** ..... South Bend, Ind.
9. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
10. **James (Buddy) McGirt** ..... Brentwood, N.Y.

11. Lonnie Smith 12. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez 13. Howard Davis Jr. 14. Ubaldo Sacco 15. Gary Hinton 16. John Mekins 17. Juan M. Coggi 18. Tony McKenzie 19. John Montes 20. Reyes Cruz.

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Ratings as of March 9, 1987

*WBA champion
**WBC champion
***IBF champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Edwin Rosario*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Greg Haugen***** ..... Auburn, Wash.
4. **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
6. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
7. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Norfolk, Va.
10. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda

11. Darryl Tyson 12. Roger Mayweather 13. Frankie Randall 14. Vinny Pazienza 15. Cubanito Perez 16. Miguel Santana 17. Vernon Buchanan 18. Anthony Fletcher 19. Larry Villarreal 20. Fred Pendleton.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BRIAN MITCHELL* ..... South Africa
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Barry Michael***** ..... Australia
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
5. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
6. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
7. **Mario Miranda** ..... Colombia
8. **Dennis Cruz** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.

11. Francisco Tomas Cruz 12. Dwight Pratchett 13. Edgar Castro 14. Lester Ellis 15. Jean-Marc Reynard 16. John Sichula 17. Oscar Bejines 18. Jackie Beard 19. Najib Daho 20. Raphe Sims.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA* ..... Venezuela
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Steve Cruz** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
4. **Antonio Rivera***** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottsdown, Pa.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
8. **Jose Marmolejo** ..... Panama
9. **Ki-Yung Chung** ..... Korea
10. **Mauro Gutierrez** ..... Mexico

11. Min-Keun Oh 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Jose Mario Lopez 15. George Navarro 16. Tyrone Jackson 17. Javier Marquez 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Hector Lopez 20. Robert Rivera.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
2. **Louie Espinoza*** ..... Phoenix Ariz.
3. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
6. **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. **Darrell Thigpen** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Mexico
10. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas

11. Seung-Hoon Lee***** 12. Julian Solis 13. Ramon Dominguez 14. Mike Ayala 15. Daniel Blanco 16. Tommy Valoy 17. Jeff Fenech 18. George Garcia 19. Jesse Benavides 20. Yun-Kap Choi.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

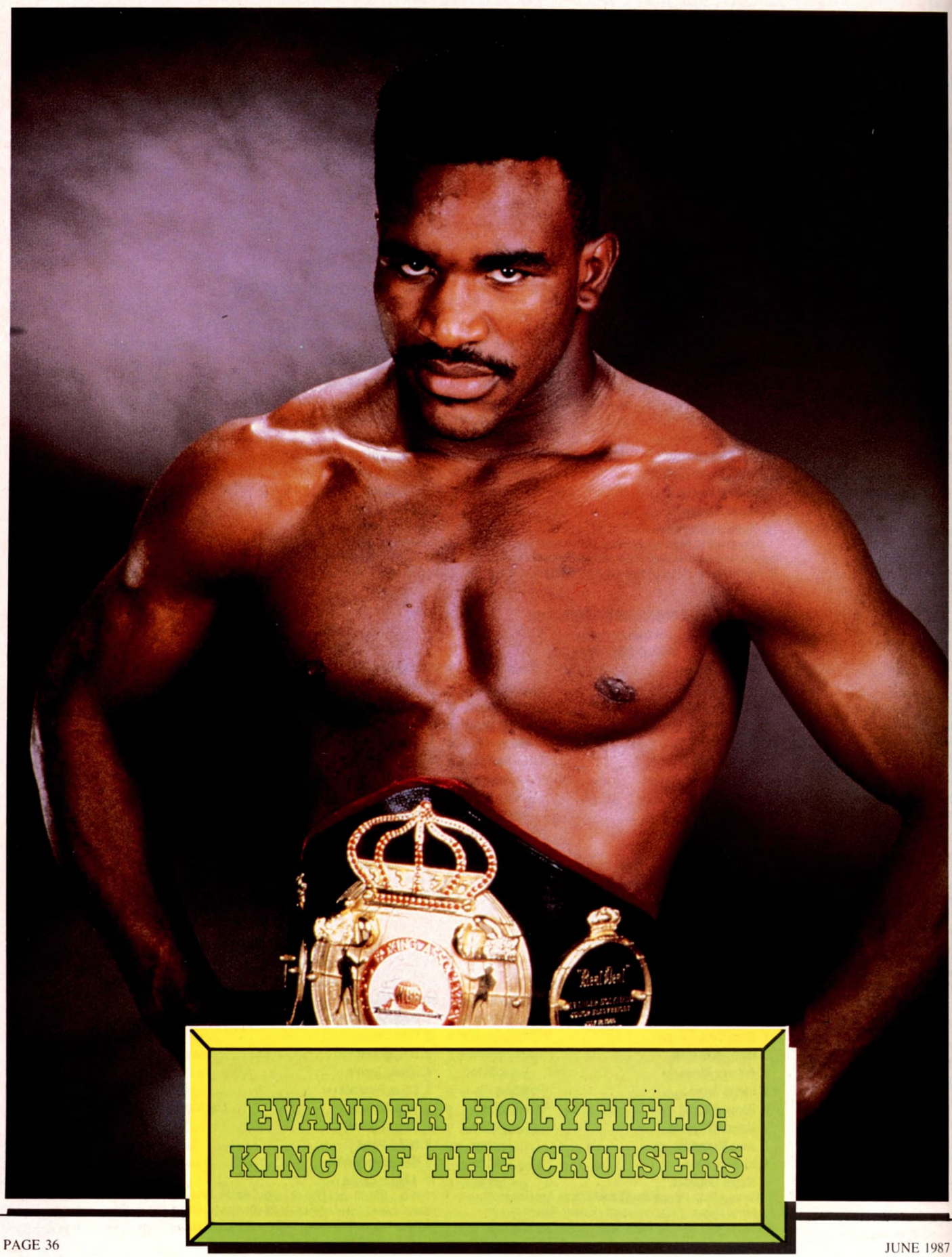
BERNARDO PINANGO* ..... Venezuela
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
4. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
6. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Albert Davila** ..... Pomona, Calif.
8. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
9. **Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
10. **Frankie Duarte** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Elly Pical 12. Sugar Ray Rojas 13. Jose Sanabria 14. Hurley Snead 15. Antonio Avelar 16. Wilfredo Vasquez 17. Azael Moran 18. Chan-Yung Park 19. Edgar Monserrat 20. Jesus Salud.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Fidel Bassa*** ..... Colombia
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
5. **Dodie Penalosa***** ..... Philippines
6. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
8. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
9. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama
10. **Alberto Castro** ..... Colombia

11. Hi-Sup Shin 12. Joey Olivo 13. Jorge Cano 14. Javier Lucas 15. Rafael Caban 16. Duke McKenzie 17. Jose DeJesus 18. Gilberto Sosa 19. Rafael Cabrera 20. Francisco Montiel.



EVANDER HOLYFIELD: KING OF THE CRUISERS

HOLYFIELD RUBS OUT TILLMAN IN "ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE"

Great Performance By Champion Prompts Talk of Moving Up To Heavyweight

by Christopher Coats

RENO, NEVADA—THOUGH MANY NEW weight classifications have been added to boxing in recent years, one of the few that made any sense was the cruiserweight division—or junior heavyweight, as the WBA calls it. While filling the sizable void between light heavyweight and heavyweights seemed like a good idea, at first, it failed to stir up much interest. Leon Spinks liked it, but there weren't many others. Then, along came Evander Holyfield, giving the division a much needed dose of respect.

Evander showed exactly why he deserves such respect when he retained his WBA belt by stopping Henry Tillman with three knockdowns in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-rounder. The bout, held before a packed house of 4,725 in the ballroom of Reno's Bally's Hotel Casino, was Holyfield's first defense of the title he won from Dwight Muhammad Qawi last year in Atlanta.

Evander looked so good defeating Tillman, some experts came away with the belief that Holyfield could beat half of the current crop of heavyweights. And there's little doubt that he'll soon be trying to do just that. But, as Evander would be quick to point out, there's no rush.

The Tillman fight started with some mild pawing, but soon heated up. Early in the second, Tillman, now 14-2 with nine kayoes, was smashed to the canvas by a right to the cheek. While the audience looked toward the exits, referee Carlos Padilla gave Henry an eight count.

Holyfield, 188¼, tore into his game challenger, smoke practically pouring out of his ears, both hands churning. But Tillman, 189, refused to fold. He fired back at the champion, and on two occasions, caught Holyfield with desperation rights to the head.

However, from the second round on it was obvious to all that Holyfield was going to win. He was both stronger and sharper. Every time the fighters swapped punches, it was Holyfield who got the better of it. By the third session, Tillman looked weary, while Holyfield looked pleased with himself.

In the fourth round, Tillman crowded Holyfield. For a good portion of the round they fought cheek-to-cheek like dancers, swaying this way and that, dripping sweat and ripping punches. Holyfield was cracking Henry with crisp shots to the body and head, but the challenger kept trying.

Holyfield's co-manager Lou Duva shouted instructions and the champion obeyed. Tillman must have felt like wind was blowing through his ears.

"Hook to the body," Duva cried out, and Evander hammered his fists into Tillman's ribs. "Spin him around," yelled Lou, and Holyfield spun Henry around. "Uppercut inside," instructed the rotund cornerman, and soon the challenger was seen wincing from a blow smack under his chin.

Early in the seventh, Holyfield caught Tillman with two thudding hooks to the head, a right uppercut and a left hook, sending him down for another eight count. Seconds after Henry regained his feet, an overhand right to the head sent him slumping down in his own corner.

Still willing to fight, Tillman arose once again, but Holyfield pasted him with two lefts, putting him down for good at 1:43 of the round.

Following the fight, Holyfield praised Tillman, a friend and former amateur teammate.

"He tried very hard," said the champion in a soft voice. "I hit him with a lot of clean shots, but he had a willing heart. I knew he'd be tough. He showed me some new things. He kept me off balance the way he moved. But it's my title and I wasn't about to let anyone take it."

Tillman was forced to lose around 20 pounds in training. Not because he was overeating, that's his natural size. Remember, it was the heavyweight gold medal he won in the Los Angeles Games, and that was two years ago. But Henry refused to use this as an alibi. Seldom has there been a more honorable loser.

"I took the fight because I thought I had a chance of winning," said Tillman. "I'm a professional fighter and I have no excuses. I'm not going to blame the weight loss because I knew what weight I had to make when I signed for the bout. Evander was the better man. Maybe I could have boxed more, done things differently, but then he could have fought differently as well. One thing I learned: I'm getting out of the cruisers."

The bout was the first between two American medalists from the '84 Olympics. Holyfield, of course, ended up with a bronze medal following his controversial disqualification, while Tillman earned a gold. That, and the fact Tillman scored a couple of amateur victories over Mike Tyson, had some people believing Henry had a good chance of upsetting Holyfield. How wrong they were. The bout was billed as the "St. Valentine's Day massacre," and that's exactly what it turned out to be—a massacre.

Following Holyfield's outstanding performance, most of the questions from the press concerned a possible move up to the heavyweight division.

"Now is not the time to go up to the heavyweights," said Evander. "I'm sure my managers will do what's best for me."

Holyfield's conditioning coach, Tim Halmark, told the Philadelphia *Daily News* that Evander will take "at least a year" to put on the "20 to 25" pounds he would need. "Anybody can just put on weight," said Halmark. "He needs to do it gradually so he can feel like he's fighting at the same weight."

In the meantime, Duva plans to keep his champion busy.

"I think he has to clean up the junior heavyweight class first," said Lou, ". . . possibly go for a unification with Carlos DeLeon (WBC cruiserweight champion) or Rickey Parkey (the IBF titleholder)."

Though the general feeling is that Holyfield (14-0 with 10 kayoes) needs to beef up in order to rumble with the big boys, I'm not so sure more poundage is necessarily better in cases such as this. The cruiserweight division would have been home for some pretty decent names in the past: Jack Dempsey, Ezzard Charles, Rocky Marciano, Gene Tunney and Floyd Patterson would have been naturals for the class. And as any boxing fans know, these fellows all had one thing in common—the heavyweight championship of the world. □

A DREAM COME TRUE

by Nat Fleischer

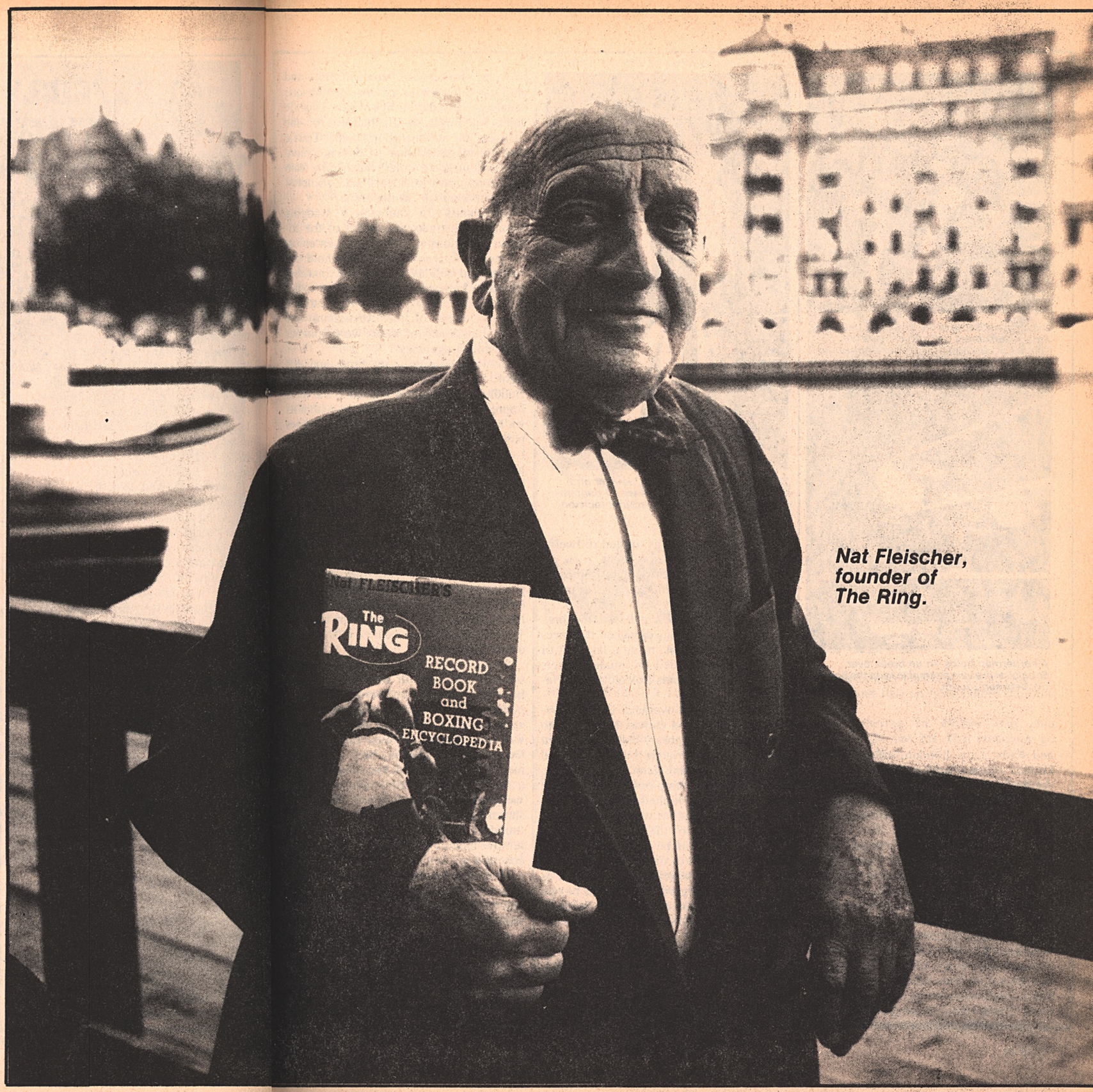
Thailand is enjoying a boxing boom. The South East Asian country currently has three world champions in WBC flyweight king Sot Chitalada, WBA junior bantamweight boss Kaosai Galaxy and WBC junior featherweight titlist Samart Payakaroon. However, Thailand is hardly a Johnny-come-lately in its love for the Manly Art. Kick boxing (Muay Thai) *is the national sport, and many of their top "international style" boxers come out of that rough-and-tumble school of fighting. In an effort to give readers an understanding of boxing's roots in Thailand, we are reprinting a chapter from "50 Years At Ring" by our founder Nat Fleischer, who played a substantial role in developing the sport in that distant land.*

—The Editor

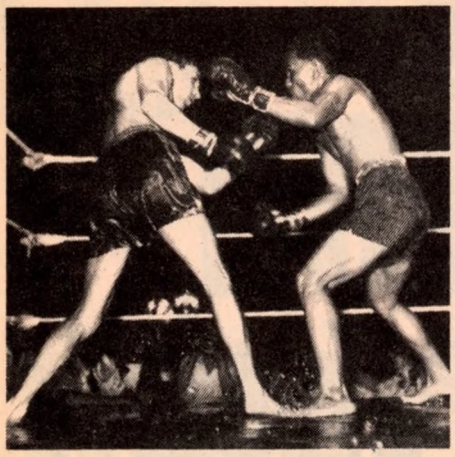
AS A YOUNGSTER, I THOUGHT THAT traveling in the Orient was reserved for books and dreams—or Marco Polo. Yet as a grown man I found myself in the land of my dreams. I may say now that my childhood fancies did not measure up to the dazzling reality: the violent contrasts of fabulous wealth and unbelievable squalor; the customs so strange to me; the glorious color of temples and palaces; the beautifully exotic land itself.

Early in 1954, I received a cable from Brigadier General Pichai Kullavanijya inviting me to visit Bangkok as the guest of the Thailand government for a world bantamweight championship fight that had been arranged for May 2 between Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, the titleholder, and Chamrern Songkitrat, Orient champion, a young Thai sublieutenant of police. I accepted, and when I left for the scene of action, it was my first flying trip around the world. I have since taken several.

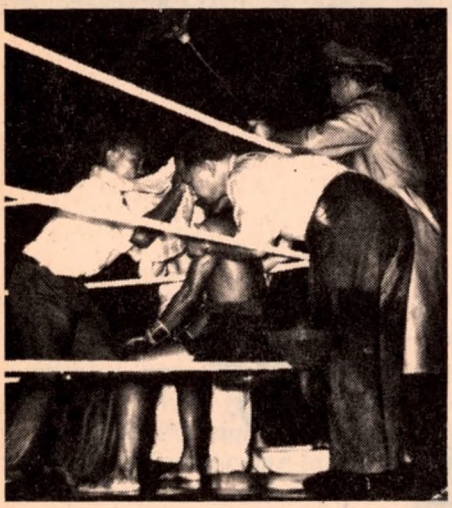
The trip was an eventful one but it was Thailand, more than any other country I visited, that impressed me. Its beautiful temples; its barefooted priests with their yellow loose robes, an umbrella in one hand and a bag of food in the other; naked children roaming the roads; people of many races crowding the colorful market places; three-wheeled vehicles jamming the streets with their fares—they left an impression I shall never forget. Hong Kong with its mixed races, its crowded thoroughfares, its beautiful fragrant flower market, and its poverty; Tokyo with its pretty kimono-dressed women; Manila with its reminder of the atrocities that befell its inhabitants during the Japanese invasion; ancient Asia Minor cites with their historic biblical shrines; the ruins of Athens; Istanbul with its Byzantine architecture; beautiful Rome



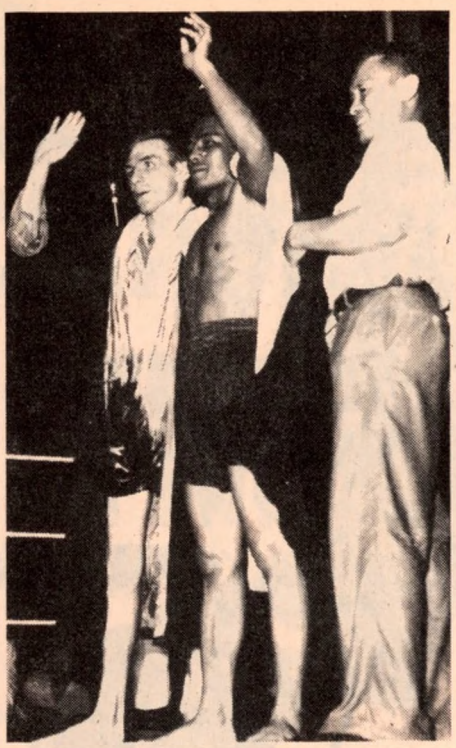
Nat Fleischer, founder of The Ring.



The famous "Battle of the Typhoon" between Jimmy Carruthers (left) and Chamrern Songkitrat. Both men went barefoot to get better traction in the rain.



A cornerman holds an umbrella over Songkitrat in a vain attempt to keep the fighter dry between rounds.



The "Battle of the Typhoon" is over and Carruthers (left) retains his world bantamweight title via a close 12-round decision.

and Paris; busy London, colorful Stockholm, Copenhagen, Antwerp, and Amsterdam—they all hold the tourists' interest, but not like Siam. I enjoyed my visit to each, but Bangkok left the greatest impression.

Let me tell you about the stage setting for the two championship bouts I saw there. In a scene unparalleled in ring history, a scene that was reminiscent of the historic Dempsey-Tunney world heavyweight championship bout in Philadelphia, a gathering of 59,760 persons paid 5,000,700 ticals, $227,304.90 in American money, to see Carruthers retain his throne by a hairline margin and, following his victory, announce his retirement. Unlike championship bouts in other countries, this one was limited to twelve rounds. I arranged it so.

Those who witnessed the Dempsey-Tunney contest in Philadelphia can imagine what we encountered in Bangkok by picturing a tropical storm that started three days before the fight, drenched the spectators who braved it, made a lake out of the ring, and flooded the muddy streets over which thousands trekked to the National Stadium.

Bulbs from the overhead lighting system crashed to the canvas from time to time, forcing temporary halts to the fight while a broom brigade I had organized swept the glass and water from the ring. It was the first championship fight staged in that country, and the sports-loving folk of that little kingdom went all out to see it. As the guest of the Thailand government I was appointed overseer of the affair, and in view of the unbelievable conditions under which the contest was staged, I granted permission for the boxers to enter the ring in their bare feet to lessen the danger by making the footing more firm.

I had never seen anything like it before. Dignitaries from Thailand and other nations, most of them dressed in their native garb; nobility from many lands; fight fans who came to the scene by foot, bicycle, tricycle, horseback, auto, train, and wagon—a reminder of the picturesque scenes portrayed in stories of bare-knuckle fights in England—all headed for the Stadium, the national sports arena. Traffic was so congested that it took me more than an hour to cover less than a mile from the Government Resident Palace, where I lived for a month, to the arena.

The mass of humanity, trudging through the streets unmindful of the adverse conditions or the ruin of their colorful garments, was a picture to behold: the varicolored holiday dress of the Siamese, Hindus, Japanese, Chinese, and other Asiatics in contrast to the conventional Western dress of the Australians and Americans, many of whom were from our government agencies.

Between weighing-in time and the fight, thousands visited the Emerald Buddha Temple where the scene was most impressive. Hundreds gathered within its walls. We knelt in prayer with shoes parked outside—the native custom. When I emerged, the rain was coming down so heavily that I pleaded with Curruthers to have the fight postponed, but he wouldn't think of it.

"Let's get it over with," he said. "I'll take my chances."

Since I had the final decision, I held a confab with the principals and the government officials, and it was decided that a postponement would be dangerous: because of the housing shortage it would be impossible to care for the many visitors. The bout went on. We called it "the Battle of the Typhoon."

I sat through the fight with my clothes soaked. In spite of an army raincoat I had borrowed, the water flowed down my body, yet I enjoyed the affair more than any I had ever witnessed. When the fight was over, before we were able to get to the military car that had been assigned to me, we walked almost knee-deep through a sea of mud for half a mile, and when we got to the Resident Palace, my suit had shrunk to such an extent that my valet found it necessary to slit the trousers to remove them. I couldn't use my shoes and coat again.

When the contest was over, Referee Bill Henneberry of Australia, the only official, quietly raise the hand of Carruthers, "the winner and still champion."

It was a very close affair, and many in the vast arena booed the verdict. Never having attended a fight in the Orient before, I was expecting a riot momentarily. But fast thinking on the part of the defeated young boxer turned what might have been

a disaster into a wild ovation.

Chamrern quickly took the microphone from the announcer, held up his hand for silence, and standing in mid-ring he said in his native tongue:

"My dear friends, I am proud to have been able to bring fame to my country by being the first Thai boxer to contend for the world bantamweight championship, and I am personally satisfied that the decision was fair and beyond doubt. If I am not sorry, my friends and countrymen, why are you?"

The sportsmanlike remark was greeted with thunderous applause, and eventually restored decorum. At a banquet the following day, tendered in honor of High Police Commissioner Delaney of New South Wales and myself, General Phao Sriyanonda, Director General of the National Police and later Thailand's Prime Minister, presented Songkitrat with an advanced rank in the Police Department, and to me he gave a handsome silver cocktail set with other gifts of silver for my daughter.

A few months after Carruthers had announced his retirement, the Thailand government again requested that I act on its behalf in arranging a bout to obtain Carruthers' successor. Since Songkitrat had already gone twelve rounds with Carruthers, and Robert Cohen of France was recognized throughout the world as the leading challenger, I brought the pair together with the consent of the European Boxing Federation, the New York Commission, and the National Boxing Association. The story of how that bout was arranged is well worth telling.

With the crown vacant, the Thailand government contacted me while I was in London and requested that I offer Cohen 10,000 pounds sterling ($28,000), tax free, with all expenses for himself and his managers, if he would agree to meet Songkitrat for the title. Before starting negotiations, as a member of the Advisory Board of the World Boxing Championship Committee, I contacted its members and obtained their consent. Then I did the same with the European Boxing Federation, the New York Commission, and the National Boxing Association, and when I got the green light from all, I flew to Paris to see Cohen's manager. He asked me to discuss the matter with his partner, Robert Diamond, in London.

With the guarantee agreement set, I drew up a contract which called for the contest to be staged on September 19, 1954, in Bangkok, with Teddy Waltham, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, as neutral referee at a fee of one thousand dollars. A Thai official and myself were to act as judges. With this set, and accompanied by Diamond, I went to the Thailand Embassy in London, and there the Ambassador affixed his signature on behalf of his government, Diamond signed for Cohen, and I signed for the World Boxing Championship Committee, of which I am an honorary member.

Thus for the first time in the history of boxing, an Ambassador signed a contract for a boxing match. I was proud of my achievement and prouder still of the manner in which the affair was handled.

Boxing received its greatest recognition in recent years when Their Majesties King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirkt, the Thai cabinet, ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries, with high-ranking officers from the Allied Forces stationed in the Far East, all sat in a specially constructed grandstand to watch the fight—despite another torrential rain that kept up until about half an hour before the bout went on.

A gathering of 69,819 that paid $200,952.24 saw the Thai champion go down to defeat.

As on my first visit, I was quartered in the spacious Resident Palace, a lone occupant except for a valet, two maids, and a cook to look after my comfort. I was given a military car and chauffeur and an English-speaking Police Lieutenant aide, throughout my stay. Outside my residence, two sentries were on duty day and night.

On the day of the fight, despite another heavy tropical rain storm, as before, all roads leading to the battleground were jammed throughout the day. People headed for the stadium on foot and in vehicles of various sorts, and to take care of the heavy traffic, two thousand police and members of the armed forces were brought

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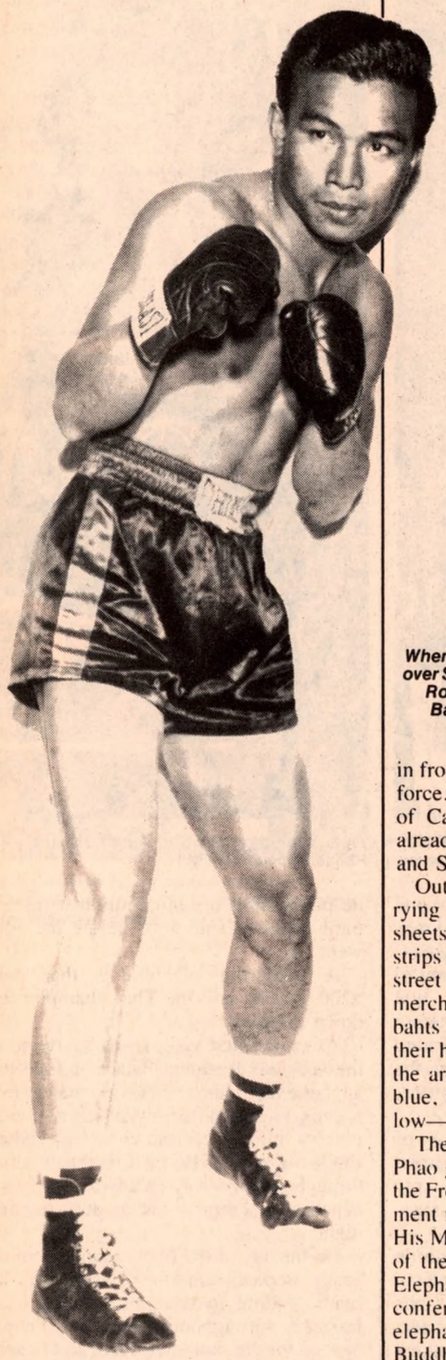
Two of Thailand's current heroes: WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada (left) and WBA junior bantamweight boss Kaosai Galaxy.



Thailand's biggest boxing star of the 1950s was Chamrern Songkitrat.

When Carruthers retired following his victory over Songkitrat, Chamrern was matched with Robert Cohen (left) for the vacant title in Bangkok. Once again, the Thai came up short, losing a 15 round decision.

in from the provinces to help the Bangkok force. People from the bordering countries of Cambodia and Laos crowded streets already full of Chinese, Hindus, Filipinos, and Siamese.

Outside the stadium, hawkers were carrying huge rolls of cellophane and plastic sheets, which they cut and sold in large strips to take the place of rain coats. These street merchants reaped harvest. Their merchandise went like hot cakes at 15 bahts (50 cents) a strip. With these over their heads and shoulders, the fans entered the arena and sat in varicolored chairs—blue, white, brown, red, orange, and yellow—arranged in rows.

The day following the bout, General Phao gave a dinner in my honor at which the French Ambassador and many government notables were present. At this affair His Majesty awarded me the Fourth Class of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant, the highest honor that may be conferred on a foreigner. The white elephant is a sacred animal in the land of Buddha, and Buddhism is Thailand's national religion. It is sacrilegious to kill a white elephant—the symbol of purity.

In addition, I received a silver and gold combination humidor and pipe rack, built around the head of a tiger that had been shot by General Phao, and a stuffed tropical bird whose gay plumage and song I had admired in the palace garden the previous day. He also presented me with a necklace and bracelets of beautiful Siamese silver for my daughter, Joan.

I shall always recall the wonderful greeting I received on this second visit to Bangkok. As our Pan-American plane approached the field, we could see hundreds of children waving American and Thai banners, and as the plane landed, a roar went up. It was as much a surprise to me as it was to the others to hear Captain Max Webber announce:

"Will all passengers kindly remain seated while a guest of the Thai government gets off the plane first."

That guest, I soon learned, was me. As I stepped out of the plane, General Pichai and General Mora headed a large delegation of government officials who had come to escort me. Applause and shouts of "Our Uncle Nat is here, " made me feel very much at home.

I was swamped with garlands, each made up of fragrant flowers with red, white, and blue ribbon holding them together. So heavy was the load across my neck that I requested to be permitted to hold some. There was a military escort of motorcycles and jeeps, followed by fifty cars and buses, each flying the American and Thailand flags, and banners blazing the words "Welcome Our Uncle Nat Back to Thailand."

It was an amazing tribute to boxing since I was representing the sport.

At dinner that evening General Pichai asked if I would like to see Siamese boxing. What a question! What baseball is to Americans, cricket and soccer to the British, and Sumo to the Japanese, hand-and-feet fighting is to the Thai folk. It rings out the throngs and has its idols of whom Songkitrat is one. Whether they win, lose, or draw, these heroes are decorated with wreaths, receive beautiful gifts of silver,and are showered with attention wherever they go.

It's a sport in which the rules and regulations that govern international boxing are tossed aside. The code which governs it prohibits gouging, hair-pulling, and striking an opponent when he is down—otherwise everything goes. The contestants use their feet, knees,and elbows as offensive and defensive weapons,and once the action gets under way, fur flies. The bouts are usually thrillers, with not a moment of inactivity.

The foreign visitor watching a Siamese boxing match is not so much attracted by the hand-and-feet fighting as the opening ceremony that often lasts from five to ten minutes. It is called "Ram."

It is a peculiar combination of praying, limbering-up exercises, an acknowledgement to the fans for their presence, and a salute to the opponent, instead of the usual handshake to which we are accustomed. The fighters first bow until their heads touch the ground. This is when the prayer to Buddha is made. Then each fighter twists his head toward his manager's corner with another prayer, this time for the man who has trained the fighter. Next comes a salaam to the crowd. Then with head still bowed in reverence and with hand upraised towards heaven, the fighters recite a prayer for victory. The final stage of the ceremony is that in which the fighters prance around the ring like toe dancers and shadowbox as they have been taught by their masters. They move their hands in mystic waves, kicking their legs high, then each goes to the other's corner and bows to his opponent.

A band of six musicians plays during this ceremonial prelude, and continues to play throughout the fight. The weird music is reminiscent of medieval days; and the entire"Ram" rites, I was informed, may be compared to the ceremonies attending the opening of athletic tournaments in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

With the conclusion of the ceremonies, the fighters are called to the ring center where the action gets under way. Each has a white band on his arm. It is known as the Holy Band or *mongkol* in Thai language, and is supposed to give strength and courage to the contestants. Beneath this band is a small charm, a tiny Buddha statue, or a pebble from the holy soil of a Buddha Temple.

The referee calls for time, and as soon as the fight gets under way, six musicians begin their quaint music with two high-pitched guitars, two oriental drums,and two flutes. This accompaniment is nerve-wracking to an American. Those accustomed to it would regard a match dull without it. The tempo speeds up as the bout progresses and the action in the ring remains rhythmic as the boxers keep pace with the musicians.

The Siamese boys make our boxers look like novices so far as their courage and ability to take punishment are concerned. They take a shellacking, giving and receiving blows, and European rules would call for quick disqualification. □

SOLID GOLD MAN

WITH THE 1987 HALL OF FAME ELECtions three months down the road, this writer here presents his personal "old-timers grouping" nominees.

Jimmy Barry. This 5'2" 106-pounder was undefeated in more than 50 professional bouts, beating, among others, Jack Levy, Casper Leon and Walter Croot. Barry's victory over Croot, who died as a result, gave him the world's 108-pound championship, a title that went into mothballs when Jimmy hung up his gloves in 1899.

Jimmy Bivins. Another one of boxing's "uncrowned champs," James Louis Bivins was of the greatest light heavyweights of all-time, and a list of the men he defeated reads like a "Who's Who" of great 160-200 pounders of the 1840s: Anton Christoforidis, Teddy Yarosz, Buddy Knox, Curtis Sheppard, Billy Soose, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Tami Mauriello, Bob Pastor, Lee Savold, Ezzard Charles, Lloyd Marshall, Lee Q. Murray, Buddy Waler, Archie Moore, Tiger Ted Lowry, Clarence Henry. Need anyone go on?

Len Harvey

Eugene Criqui. Talk about a fighter with no chin winning a world title! Criqui, one of the world's top flyweights before 1915, had a good part of his jaw blown away in World War I. Fighting with a metal insert, he eventually won the world's featherweight title with a sixth round knockout over Johnny Kilbane in 1923. He lost the crown to Johnny Dundee on points less than eight weeks later. Those two 126-pound title bouts were Criqui's only appearances in the U.S.

Billy Graham. Billy must hold several records. He was never stopped, floored, or even staggered in 126 bouts against possibly the toughest over-all collection of 140-155 pounders the fight game has ever known. He lost only 15 of those fights—about two-thirds of them by split decision. In his most famous fight, held in Madison Square Garden on August 29, 1951, he beat Kid Gavilan to win the world welterweight title, only to have the crown kept from him by some controversial judging. Graham defeated Gavilan, Carmen Basilio, Joey Giardello, Paddy Young and other toughies far too numerous to mention.

Len Harvey. Britain's "Prince of Boxers" held so many British titles from middleweight to heavy that it's difficult to keep a scorecard. He reached his greatest international success in the 160 and 175-pound divisions, outpointing fellow Englishman Jock McAvoy for the BBBC's version of the world light heavyweight title vacated by John Henry Lewis in 1939.

Louis (Kid) Kaplan. The 10th best featherweight of all-time, according to Nat Fleischer back in 1959. Kaplan fought from 1919 to 1923, won the vacant 126-pound crown in 1925 and relinquished it the following year. Kaplan was having increasing difficulty in making 126, and reportedly turned down a huge money offer to lose the title in the ring rather than resign it. He became a boxing commissioner in Connecticut and died in 1970.

Mike O'Dowd. A rough, tough banger of the 1910s, probably the best American middleweight of his day. O'Dowd campaigned from 1913 to 1923 and held the world title from 1917 to 1923.

Jimmy Slattery. Films reveal "Slats" as a true boxing master, and a close look at his record bears out the contention that he dissipated his great talent. A *wonderkind* in his teens, Paul Carr's charge beat Jack Delaney (twice) and Maxie Rosenbloom (twice) but failed in an early title shot when Paul Berlenbach stopped him in 11 rounds on September 11, 1925. Slattery was past his prime when he defeated Lou Scozza for the vacant crown in 1930. He died in his native Buffalo, N.Y. on August 30, 1960.

Freddie Steele. The best middleweight in the world in the mid-1930s, Steele started his professional career at the age of 15 in 1927. He beat Fred Apostoli, Eddie (Babe) Risko, Gorilla Jones, Ken Overlin and Solly Krieger, to name just a few.

DEAN LOHUIS HAS EMERGED AS California's premiere authority on current fighters' records, a distinction well merited, to judge only by his 1987 *Pacific Southwest Record Book*. This thin, unbound and invaluable effort carries the accurate 1986 fight log of every boxer active in California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii. Lohuis also carries the '86 records of fighters based in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utrah, Idaho and New Mexico with at least five career fights.

That's quite a listing. Lohuis did the same thing for 1985 in his 1986 *Pacific Coast Record Book*, but this time he's gone one step further. Selected boxers from Baja California (principally Tijuana) are also included, making Dean's effort a "must" for every promoter, matchmaker, booking agent and manager in the western part of the U.S.—if not the world. Rabid fans will want it, too.

Each listing includes the fighter's name, his city of residence, weight class and rating ("A" to "E"), birthdate, manager,

career record totals and 1986 fights (date, opponent, city, result and the number of rounds). Dean is, let it be said emphatically, super accurate, meaning that his records are more pure than Ivory Soap.

Order the 1987 Pacific Southwest Record Book by sending a check for $12 ($15 outside North America) to: Dean Lohuis, 1692 Brentwood, Corona, Calif. 91720. Make checks payable to Dean Lohuis. It's a labor of love on the part of Lohuis, one that the small company of boxing record buffs should do its best to support and maintain.

ROBERT YALEN'S 1986 WORLD TITLE Fight Summary, to be printed in the new *Ring Record Book*, shows that there were '97 world title bouts of one type or another held in '86—a staggering figure. Bob compiles his annual listings, which include dates, venues, officials, promoters and round-by-round scorecards, with the aid of his lovely wife, Linda. Since the 1986-87 *Ring Record Book* is a combined edition, it will include the Yalens' title bout listings for both '85 and '86. If you have not yet ordered your copy of the new *Ring Record Book*, please do so now. This will be the greatest boxing reference work ever published, and an early sell-out is expected. See the full-page advertisement in this issue. □

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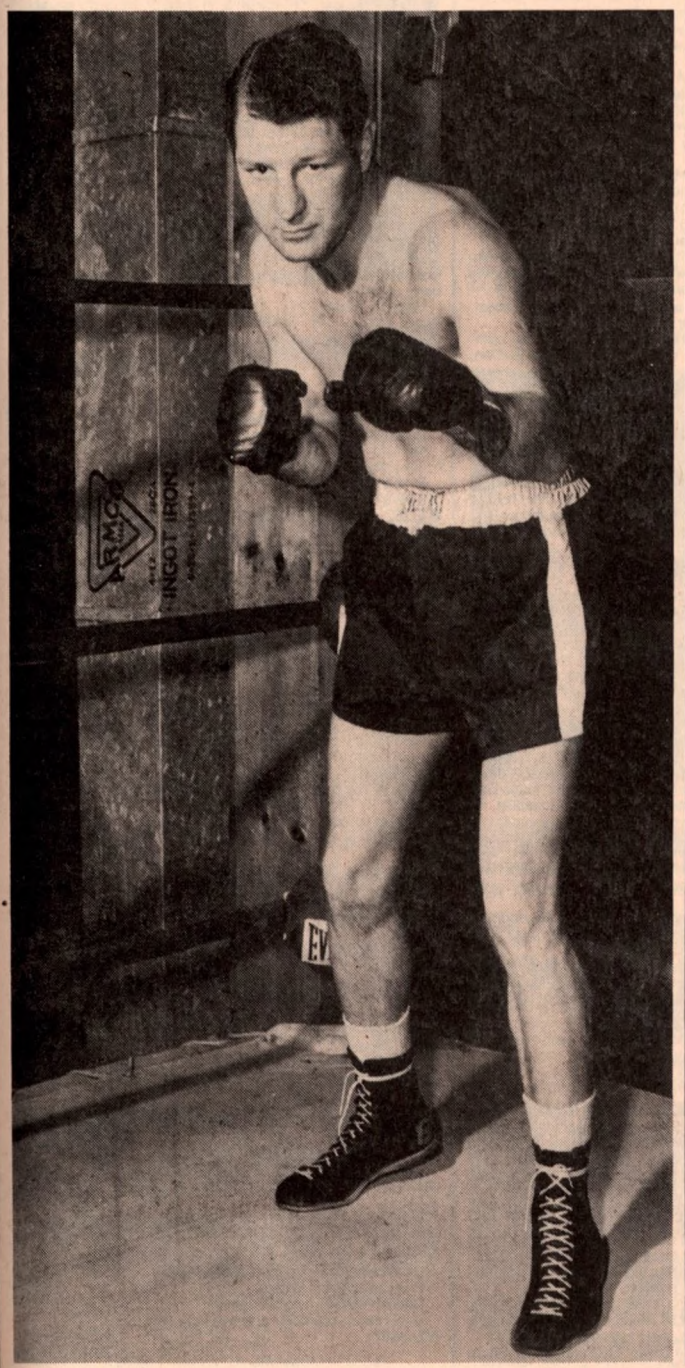

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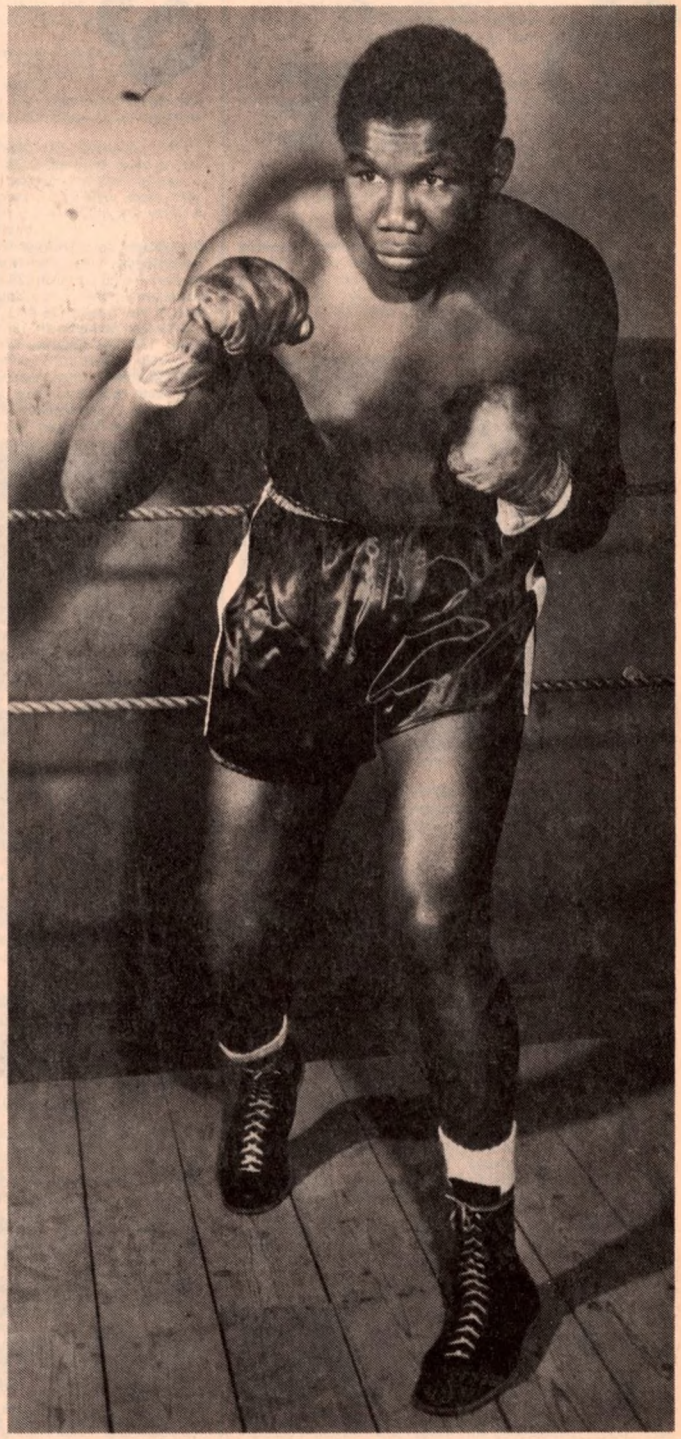

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**LONG BEACH—Spruce Goose Dome**—John Montes, 141, Whittier, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Davis, 140½, Reno, 10. The 25-year-old Montes (33-4) was badly cut over the right eye in the third round, but was too accomplished for the 24-year-old Davis (16-5-1), who had not fought in a year and a half. Scoring: Chuck Hassett, 99-91, Fritz Werner, 99-92; Lou Moret, 100-90. Lou Filippo, referee.

Ricky Locke, 161½, Bakersfield, halted Tyrone Jones, 159, Los Angeles, referee Werner stopping the fight at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled six after Jones had been knocked down.

Hector Jaiman, 164, Bakersfield, knocked out Robert Jackson, 159, Los Angeles, in 2:25 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Jackson was dropped twice. Fritz Werner, referee.

Jorge Cazares, 131, Blythe, TKO'd Arnulfo Luna, 131, Los Angeles, in the third round of another scheduled six. A cut right eye finished the Mexican veteran. Lou Moret, referee.

Unbeaten Ernie Nava, 145, Hawaiian Gardens, pitched a five-round shutout over Fuji Fujimoto, 143, Tokyo. Lou Moret, referee.

Ruben Bajo, 117½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Carlos Perez, 116½, Los Angeles, four, all three officials scoring 40-36. Lou Moret, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(01-12-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan, 134½, Berkeley, Missouri, kayoed Walter Sims, 134½, Van Nuys, in 2:11 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12 to win The Forum lightweight championship. Sims (21-4-2) wobbled Buchanan in the first and second rounds, but Buchanan (17-4-1) dominated with jolting left jabs from the third stanza. Sims was floored in the third and was finished by a left hook behind the jab in the fourth. John Thomas, referee.

The Forum has launched a new tournament for some of the world's best featherweights. With a top prize of $100,000, there should be several excellent bouts. In the opening elimination bout, Bernard Taylor, 125½, Knoxville, was a clear unanimous winner over Antonio DelaPaz, 125½, Mexico City, 10. Taylor improved his record to 37-1-1. DelaPaz fell to 26-11-2. Raul Caiz, referee.

Uriah Grant, 174, Miami, advanced to the finals of The Forum light heavyweight tournament by stopping Robert Folley, 175, Irvington, New Jersey, who retired at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10 due to an injured right shoulder. Grant (13-3) ws ahead on the scorecards of judges Pat Connolly (39-38) and Dick Young (39-37). Judge John Thomas surprisingly favored Folley, 39-37. Folley saw his record fall to 15-3. Robert Byrd, referee.

Jeff Lampkin, 175, Youngstown, moved into the light-heavyweight semi-finals with a 10-round majority victory over Jesse Shelby, 173½, Fort Worth. Judges Byrd and Thomas had the hard hitting Lampkin (28-9-1) winning by 98-92 and 99-92, respectively, while judge Young astonishingly had it 97-93 in favor of trier Shelby (15-4-1). Pat Connolly, referee.

Unbeaten Andre Smith, 126½, Los Angeles, knocked out Juan Salas, 130, Los Angeles, who was floored twice and counted out by referee Byrd in 2:11 of the first round in a scheduled five.

Milford Kemp, 158½, Venice, and debuting Abdellah Tabezi, 160, North Hollywood, drew, four. Tony Guitron, referee.

Debuting Calvin Meeks, 141½, Los Angeles, shut out comebacking Jose Rodriguez, 143½, Bakersfield, four. Tony Guitron, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Antonio Curtis, timekeeper.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(01-22-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Former WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 125, Alhambra, was shockingly floored four times and lost by knockout to inexperienced southpaw Darrell Thigpen, 125, Los Angeles, when Garza was rescued at 1:40 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

The hard hitting Garza (44-4) took such a beating that he may never fight again. Thigpen (14-4) was also hurt in the third in exciting all-offense warfare. Garza, effective against top opposition only when he uses his jab, instead went for the knockout and left himself wide open. He was flattened by lefts in the second and the fourth. Garza's legs went and he was ready to go in the fifth, but Thigpen ws too tired to capitalize. Garza, always dangerous, was given every chance by referee Vince Delgado, but when a right sent him spinning down for the second time in the sixth, it was clear he could not continue.

Hard-working Tony Chicoine, 163, Orange, tired in the final two rounds, but his early points lead carried him to a unanimous decision over strong Doug Laws, 166, Los Angeles, in an excellent six which drew a shower of coins. Laws lost a point for a low blow in the fourth. Scoring: judge Delgado, 57-56; judge Dick Young, 58-55; judge John Thomas, 59-57. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Rod Starks, 155, Huntington Beach, dominated Cliff Jackson, 153½, San Diego, winning unanimously in six. Jackson, who never recovered from a knockdown in the opening seconds, was also floored in the fifth and struggled to finish on his feet. John Thomas, referee.

Lanky unbeaten teenager Ruben Bajo, 117, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed comebacking veteran Victor Diaz, 117, Los Angeles, four. John Thomas, referee.

John Clouden, 134, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Jose Luis Hernandez, 136, Los Angeles, five. Unbeaten Clouden was much more skilled, but Hernandez avoided a shutout by clearly winning the final round. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(01-26-87)

▶**RIVERSIDE—Raincross Square**—Russell Mitchell, 145½, Paso Robles, won the California State welterweight title by stopping heavily favored Felipe Canela, 144, Alhambra, at the end of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Canela, making his third title defense, pounded Mitchell's body for the first three rounds. But in the fourth, Canela (24-6-3) was floored by a right hook and saved by the bell. A courageous rally by the former champion in the fifth and sixth brought the pro-Canela crowd to its feet, but Mitchell (9-8-2) again caught Canela with a right hook in the seventh. Canela took a vicious beating late in the round and ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca wold not allow him to come out for the eighth. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Alphonso Long, 146½, Compton, easily kayoed inept late substitute Francisco Armenta, 150, Los Angeles, in 1:31 of the second in a scheduled 10. Frank Rustich, referee.

Prospect Orlin Norris, 200, San Diego, TKO'd old-timer Roger Troupe, 195, Long Beach, at 0:59 of the second in a scheduled six. Troupe was down twice. Frank Rustich, referee.

Ron Daniels, 160, Paso Robles, made it two upsets for Pat Murphy's San Luis Stable by knocking out previously unbeaten Willie Wilson, 160, San Diego, in 2:58 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Wilson (5-1) was ahead on points and dominating when he was floored by a right with 0:20 left in the fourth. Then, with only seconds remaining in the round, another right by Daniels (10-3) dropped Wilson, and referee Eddie Rodriguez terminated the bout without a count.

Unbeaten Terry Norris, 149¼, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Gilbert Baptist, 154, San Diego, winning three of the four scheduled rounds on all official scorecards. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
John Tropiano, ring announcer.
Ernie Fuentes, matchmaker.
Bill Nasto, promoter.
(02-05-87)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Slick boxer Michael Nunn, 160, Sherman Oaks, turned slugger to stop previously unbeaten Willie Harris, 160, Philadelphia, in 2:26 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Nunn (21-0) dominated the much shorter Harris (21-1), winning every round but the second. The end came in the sixth, when a nearly defenseless Harris collapsed after taking a short left. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Tracy Harris Patterson, 120, New Paltz, New York, TKO'd game but limited Gene Salazar, 128, Bakersfield, referee Lou Moret intervening at 1:36 of the third in a scheduled six to save Salazar (2-4) from further punishment. Patterson, the adopted son of the former heavyweight champion, ran his record to 17-0. Poor Salazar was scheduled for an undercard preliminary, but was promoted to the semi-main when a suitable opponent could not be found for Patterson.

National amateur champion Alex Garcia, 217, San Fernando, debuted with a ridiculously easy knockout win over fat late sub Cliff Melbourne, 230, Hillsboro, Oregon, in 2:52 of the first round in a scheduled four. Winless Melbourne was down twice; the first time for eight, the second time for over a minute. Robert Byrd, referee.

Roberto Lopez, 117, Glendale, battered Mexican veteran Angel Ortega, 116, Bakersfield, until Ortega stopped fighting back at 2:59 of the fourth round in a wild scheduled six. Pat Connolly, referee.

Carlton Brooks, 147½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Daryl Colquitt, 148, Los Angeles, due to a cut right eye at 2:06 of the second round in their scheduled four. Robert Byrd, referee.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Michael Buffer, ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Daniel Goossen, ESPN TV Promoters.
(02-06-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—World rated Mario (Azarache) Martinez, 134½, Guadalajara, kayoed Jimmy Jackson, 137½, Las Vegas, in 0:58 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Martinez (43-3-2) floored Jackson (13-6-1) in the final seconds of both the first and second rounds. Martinez finished the fight with a left off an exchange in the third, and ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca stopped the fight when Jackson wobbled up at the count of eight. John Thomas, referee.

Jorge Cazares, 130, Mexicali, knocked out Randy Archuleta, 136, San Jose with a left hook in 2:25 of the second round in a scheduled six. Lou Filippo, referee.

Sal Salazar, 126, Blythe, gained control in the second and unanimously outpointed debuting Carlos Iniguez, 124, Los Angeles, four. Gwen Adair, referee.

Celedonio Luna, 141½, Blythe, was very lucky to escape with his unbeaten record still intact when his bout with improving Bruce Pearson, 140, Los Angeles, was declared a technical draw at 0:56 of the fourth and final round because of a head clash. Pearson (5-1-1) floored Luna (4-0-1) in the third and was well ahead on points. Vince Delgado, referee

Dr. Michael Deluca, Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Dean Gettleson, promoter.
(02-06-87)

▶**LONG BEACH—Spruce Goose Dome**—Larry Villareal, 135, Fresno, won the vacant California State lightweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Joey Olivera, 135, Pasadena. The stronger and harder hitting Villareal improved his record to 16-1. Busy Olivera fell to 17-10-1. Scoring: Kenny Davis, 118-110; Chuck Hassett, 116-112; Larry Rozadilla, 115-113. Pat Connolly, referee.

Mike (The Giant) White, 290, Long Beach, stopped Levi Billups, 226, Bakersfield, at 1:25 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Kenny Davis, referee.

Dave Yonko, 234, Long Beach, won a clear unanimous verdict over Richard Harrell, 193, Los Angeles, six. Kenny Davis, referee.

Carlton Brooks, 149, Los Angeles, shut out David Guerra, 147, San Diego, four. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Louis Hernandez, 129, Redlands, drew with Hector Lizarraga, 128, Fresno, in a crowd-pleasing five-round slugfest. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Ruben Blackwell, 160, Los Angeles, sensationally kayoed Anthony Holt, 160, Long Beach, with a left hook in 1:40 of the second in a scheduled four. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(02-09-87)

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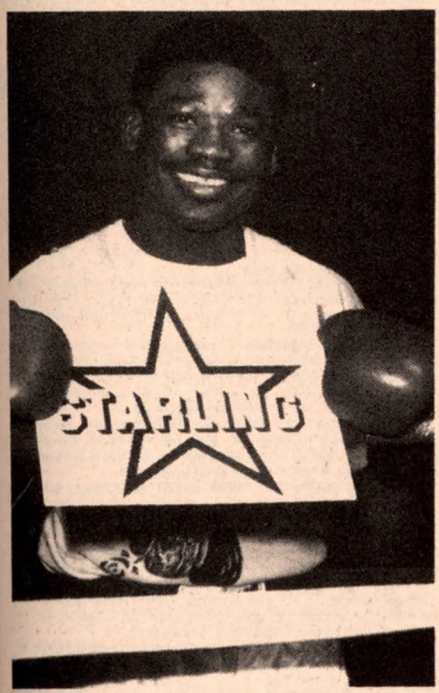

Veteran welterweight contender Marlon Starling avenged a previous loss by out-pointing Pedro Vilella in Hartford.

▶**HARTFORD—Civic Center Assembly hall**—The old saw that life begins at 40 could apply to Hartford welterweight Marlon Starling, who scored his 40th victory by whipping New York's Pedro Vilella in a spirited ten-round rematch. "Moochie" inched his way forward to a possible title shot again after being sidetracked by former champ Don Curry.

Don defended his WBA title in a rematch after having snapped Marlon's unbeaten string in a previous bout.

Both scaling 146½, Starling raked his foe with long-range shots in sweeping the first five rounds. His southpaw rival was the better at infighting and won the eighth while holding Starling even in the sixth and 10th.

Vilella absorbed Starling's best shots and never flinched. He fought his way out after being repeatedly cornered, flailing back as "Moochie" rapped him. Clustering his punches, Marlon avenged one of his four losses in whipping the Bronx belter.

Dropped in the first, Vilella came back to give Marlon such a workout that Pedro's manager, Howie Albert, said: "He's just lost to the fellow who might be the next world welterweight champion. It was no disgrace to lose this one."

Referee Sam Maltempo was a busy official. In the third, he warned Vilella for a low blow and ordered the rivals to "shake" after roughening exchanges.

One of Starling's body shots struck low in the sixth and Vilella's act of bodily injury earned him more than a minute's rest. Starling's roving elbow hit his foe after the bell in the eighth.

Bits of his so-called "Magic Act" injected into the stretch run offended boxing purists among the 900 present, Starling rallying his loyal rooters to chant his nickname by waving his arm aloft before the final round. His Starling stomp—imitating a man killing cockroaches in his kitchen—and his grinning to the crowd were his theatrical contributions.

Referee Walt Longo pulled a rarity in an undercard bout, tossing out a towel tossed into the ring in a heavyweight bout when the eventual loser was under heavy fire. It came in the second of a four-rounder in which southpaw Curtis (Trashman) Dudley, 220, Hartford, outpointed Hassan Shabazz, 260, Hartford.

Phil Brown, 220, Wallingford, stopped Kevin Denson, 190½, Providence, in the fifth round when the latter quit on his stool in a slated eight.

Ray Doughty, 135, Waterbury halted Felix Cortez, 134½, Hartford at 1:52 of the sixth and final round.

Luis Castillo, 137½, New York outpointed Hollister Elliott, 134½, Waterbury, four.

Trainer John Datro, who goes back to the days when he assisted in Willie Pep's preparations for title fights, was recognized for his long service to the sport. He was presented a plaque by the promoters which read: "In appreciation of your 40 years of dedication to boxing in the state of Connecticut."

Officials—Duke Lawson, Walt Longo, Sam Maltempo.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Ring Announcer—Bob Steele.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein.
Promoters—George Cruz Marlon Starling Enterprises.
Attendance—900 (estimated)
(02-18-87)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Holiday Inn West**—Jimmy Navarro, 119, Miami, TKO'd Rolando Luna, 118, Houston, Texas, at 1:27 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Luna was down twice in the third session and two more times in the fourth. Eddie Eckert, referee. Navarro is 16-1 with 13 kayoes.

Alex Medel, 150, Sunrise, Fla., floored and TKO'd Fernando Montalvo, also 150, Houston, at 2:39 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. Harry Brennan, referee. A tough fight for the first six.

Stacey McSwain, 173, Forest City, N.C., climbed off the canvas in the third round to win a unanimous decision over Killer Joe Dolphin, also 173, Ft. Lauderdale, eight. The best fight of the night, a rematch in the making. Bernie Soto, referee. McSwain is 23-13. Dolphin is 18-10-3.

Steve Frank, 136, Ft. Lauderdale, won a unanimous decision over Billy Wooten, 138, Miami, six. They traded knockdowns in the fourth round. Harry Brennan, referee.

Ivan Gonzalez, 139, Homestead, Fla., won a unanimous decision over Jo Jo Harris, 140, Tampa, six. Eddie Eckert, referee. Gonzalez is 8-0.

Newcomer Edward (Yogi) Neblett, 155, Barbados, TKO'd Harold Williams, 151, Miami, at 1:35 of the third round in their scheduled six. Williams was floored twice. Bernie Soto, referee.

Leon Dixon, 191, Tampa, knocked out Charley Hicks, 185, Miami, with a hard right to the chin in 2:49 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Popular fight manager Ed Gersh had five of his charges on the card. Medel, Frank, Williams, Navarro, and Gonzalez all looked good.

Laura & E.P. Promotions.
Matchmaker—Al Bonannis.
Ring Announcer—Romiro Ortiz.
Attendance—750 (estimated).
(01-30-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

NEVADA

Cubanito Perez (left) had no trouble with late sub Marvin Garris, dispatching the Philadelphian 2:09 into the third round in Las Vegas.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Irleis (Cubanito) Perez explosively let it all hang out in his last local effort, figuring the victory would lock up a world title shot at Greg Haugen, the International Boxing Federation lightweight champion.

Haugen, who also lives in Las Vegas, was among ringsiders who were greatly impressed with Perez's dispatching of Philadelphia's Marvin Garris in the third round of a scheduled 10-round Top Rank main event at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Bob Arum, Top Rank's board chairman, even had a signed contract from Perez, 28, as the tentative challenger against H...gen on the undercard of the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard world middleweight title bout fought at Caesars Palace on April 6.

Wes Wolfe, Haugen's manager, held the other paper, stipulating the 26-year-old IBF champion, who moved here last year from Auburn, Washington, would earn a guaranteed $130,000.

The figure was nearly three times what Haugen earned here last December 5 when he won a 15-round majority decision to take Jimmy Paul's laurels at Caesars' Sports Pavilion. Howeve:, Wolfe, along with trainer Stan Tischler, was reluctant to have Haugen ink the pact.

Meanwhile, Lou Duva who manages Vinny Pazienza, crashed into the picture with the flamboyant New England sensation who raised his record to 22-1, with 18 kayoes, when he stopped veteran Roberto Elizondo at the Providence Civic Center.

Top Rank also figured in a potential Haugen-Pazienza matchup, offering tentative dates of April 18-19, and May 2-3.

"Arum's guarantee was only $100,000 but that was against 40 percent of the gate and TV money," said Wolfe. "Now the Civic Center holds 15,000. Since the fight is in Pazienza's backyard, we're talking about $300,000 or $400,000 as Greg's purse.

"I can understand how Perez feels, but we never signed a contract to fight him. Perez is a tougher fight for much less money than Pazienza. Of course, there's the risk of a home-town decision if the fight goes the distance. But we're really not worried because Greg eats up guys with Pazienza's come-straight-at-you style."

Meanwhile, Perez, who has an impressive 34-2 with 25 kayoes reading since turning pro in 1978, was understandably irate.

"This is depressing. I signed a contract and it means nothing," Cubanito moaned. "I feel ripped off because I've done everything asked. It's not fair. Haugen agreed to the fight. I've always gotten the raw end of the deal."

Perez had helped Haugen train for his successful challenge against Paul, just as Greg did when Cubanito lost a majority title decision to the Kronk gym champion last June in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Perez, sometimes a lethargic starter, was up for Garris even though the Philly import was an 11th-hour substitute for flu-stricken Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, the former IBF ruler.

Perez almost finished the job in round one, but when the end came at 2:09 of the third, the handsome Latin did it with a picture-book right uppercut and left hook. Both fighters came in at 135.

Joe Belino, 139½, Marysville, Wash., kayoed Roberto Garcia, 140, Bell Garden, Calif., in 43 seconds of the seventh round in a scheduled eight Belino moved to 16-1 with eight kayoes. Garcia slipped to 8-9-2.

Adam Garcia, 128½, El Mirages Ariz., won an eight-round unanimous decision over Andrew Minsker, 129, Milwaukie, Ore., raising his credentials to 15-6-1 with 10 kayoes. Minsker dropped to 10-2 with three knockouts.

Cele Olivar, 145¾, San Bernardino, Calif., evened his slate at 1-1 with a TKO over Darren Chiappone, 145¾, Las Vegas.
(01-20-87)

Robbie Sims (left) was very lucky to escape with a 10-round draw against unheralded Tim Williams at the Showboat.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Few people like a draw in boxing, but for Robbie Sims, it was a decision that should determine the next challenger for the United States Boxing Association middleweight crwon.

If it isn't the surprising Tim Williams of San Diego, the 12-round title bout better not be booked for Las Vegas.

The paying public recently took the roof off the Showboat Hotel-Casino when Sims' rally in the stretch prompted the tabs of three Las Vegas judges to create a dead heat in Top Rank's ESPN main-event.

Paul Smith saw it 96-94 for Sims while Chuck Giampa liked Williams, 96-95. Jerry Roth's 95-95 clinched the draw verdict. *The Ring* scorecard had it 96-96.

Williams, 161, left with ringsiders showing strong vocal contempt for what they considered was a clear-cut heist against Tim in this non-title affair. Meanwhile, Sims, 160½ out of Brockton, Mass., and brother of world middlweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, was back in his dressing room applying ice to stem the swelling under his right eye.

Even Sims' handlers, Pat and Goody Petronelli, agreed "It was too tough a fight for either kid to lose because both fought their hearts out."

"We took Williams lightly and he made the most of the opportunity," said manager Pat Petronelli. "It's up to Top Rank to make a rematch, but as far as we are concerned, it can be Williams when Robbie makes his next defense."

Sims, whose record reads 27-4-2 with 19 kayoes, was making his first start since June 23, when he won a 10-round split decision over former triple world champion Roberto Duran at Caesars Palace. The USBA champion almost beat himself with ineffective timing, and was stunned thrice in the sixth round by right hooks and an uppercut which left him trapped in a neutral corner.

"Williams was strong, heavy. I just couldn't put it together," Sims admitted. "I haven't fought since last June. I didn't think it would hurt me, but it did. I'll just go back to school."

Goody Petronelli, who handles the conditioning, added, "The

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UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION
(As of February 3, 1987)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Tucker (Michigan)
1. James Douglas (Ohio)
2. Carl Williams (New York)
3. James Broad (New Jersey)
4. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
5. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
6. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
7. Gerry Cooney (New York)
8. Greg Page (Kentucky)
9. Elijah Tillery (New York)
10. Larry Alexander (New York)
11. Mike Evans (Illinois)
12. Mike Williams (Texas)
13. Phil Brown (New York)
14. Avery Rawls (California)
15. James Pritchard (Kentucky)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
2. Dwight M. Qawi (New Jersey)
3. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
4. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
5. Henry Tillman (California)
6. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
7. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
10. Anthony Witherspoon (Pa.)
11. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
12. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
13. Michael Arms (Arkansas)
14. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
15. James Waring (Florida)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (Michigan)
1. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
2. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
3. Jim MacDonald (Michigan)
4. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
5. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (NY)
6. Eddie Davis (New York)
7. Uriah Grant (Florida)
8. Ramzi Hassan (California)
9. Jessie Shelby (Texas)
10. David Sears (New York)
11. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
12. J.B. Williamson (California)
13. Arthel Lawhorn (Michigan)
14. Stacey McSwain (North Carolina)
15. Joe Golphin (Florida)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
3. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
4. Chuck Walker (Texas)
5. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
6. Lamont Kirkland (California)
7. Everett Martin (Texas)
8. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
9. Vinnie Curto (Florida)
10. Jay Strickland (Texas)
11. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
12. Lenny Lapaglia (Illinois)
13. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
14. Gilberto Colon (Puerto Rico)
15. Victor Claudio (Puerto Rico)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Iran Barkley (New York)
3. James Kinchen (California)
4. Michael Nunn (California)
5. Frank Tate (Texas)
6. Troy Darrell (New York)
7. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
8. Don Lee (Indiana)
9. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
10. Kenny Snow (Texas)
11. Charlie Boston (New Jersey)
12. Doug DeWitt (New York)
13. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
14. Mark McPherson (New York)
15. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Donald Curry (Puerto Rico)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
5. Lupe Aquino (California)
6. Mark Medal (New York)
7. John David Jackson (Pennsylvania)
8. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
9. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
10. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
11. Kenny Styles (New York)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
14. Matthew Farrago (New York)
15. Bobby Joe Young (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
1. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Mark Breland (New York)
6. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
7. Luis Santana (California)
8. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
9. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
10. Roman George (Louisiana)
11. Felipe Canela (California)
12. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
13. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
14. Ricky Stoner (Texas)
15. Alex Medal (Florida)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Buddy McGirt (New York)
2. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
3. John Meekins (New York)
4. Andrew Nance (California)
5. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
6. Othal Dixon (Texas)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
9. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
10. Vincent Releford (Texas)
11. Ricky Young (New York)
12. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)
13. Cassius Horn (Arizona)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. John Montes (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Terrence Alli (New York)
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
3. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
4. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
5. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
6. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
7. Livingston Bramble (N.J.)
8. Irleis Perez (California)
9. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
10. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
11. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
12. Yogi Buchanan (Missouri)
13. Bret Summers (Washington)
14. Shelton LaBlanc (Louisiana)
15. Walter Sims (California)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. John Duplessi (Louisiana)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
5. Tony Lopez (California)
6. Genaro Hernandez (California)
7. Dennis Cruz (New York)
8. Juan LaPorte (New York)
9. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
10. Sal Cenicola (New Jersey)
11. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
12. Donald Caples (Texas)
13. Bernard Gray (Florida)
14. Joe Rivera (Puerto Rico)
15. Keely Thompson (Virginia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Irving Mitchell (California)
3. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
4. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
5. Billy White (Louisiana)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. George Navarro (New Jersey)
8. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
9. John Boyd (Texas)
10. Marino Ramirez (New Jersey)
11. Atilano Quinones (Puerto Rico)
12. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
13. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
14. Vincent Christian (Pennsylvania)
15. Joe Ruelas (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jorge Diaz (California)
2. Jessie Benevides (Texas)
3. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
4. Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)
5. Jaime Garza (California)
6. James Pipps (Texas)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
9. Mike Ayala (Texas)
10. Juan Meza (California)
11. James Manning (Oregon)
12. Harold Petty (Texas)
13. Robert Shannon (Washington)
14. Juan Veloz (New York)
15. Alvaro Ramos (Arizona)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Vacant
1. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
2. Jose Sanabria (New York)
3. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
4. Luis Curtis (DC)
5. Darrell Thigpen (California)
6. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
7. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
8. Frankie Duarte (California)
9. Bebis Rojas (Florida)
10. Alberto Davila (California)
11. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
12. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
13. Alfred Rangel (Texas)
14. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
15. Mike Phelps (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Ramon Medel (Texas)
2. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
3. Paul Gonzales (California)
4. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
5. Jorge Ortiz (Puerto Rico)
6. William Ramos (Puerto Rico)
7. Lucilo Nolasco (California)
8. Mario Savala (California)
9. Kenny Mitchell (New York
10. Alonzo Gonzalez (California)
11. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
12. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
13. Miguel Mercedes (California)
14. Felix Castillo (Texas)
15. Pedro Feliciano (Puerto Rico)

inactivity hurt Robbie, but we're not making any excuses. We felt he took the eighth, ninth and 10th by throwing more punches, but he was ring rusty. Williams was in top condition, but there was some head butting in there. It looked like Williams was getting very tired at the end."

Williams, who lost an eight-round decision to Kenny Snow in his only previous appearance here July 11, slowed down in the eighth as Sims scored with hooks along the ropes. The Californian let Robbie back in the fight when he was unable to tie him up inside. Sims obviously caught the judges's eye late, when his punching ratio was 2-1 until the final bell.

Williams was dismayed at the decision. "I'd love a rematch so I can show his true colors. I thought I won by at least three rounds. I felt as though on several occasions I had him hurt."

Jim Connolly, who manages Williams, was even more vociferous. "We call it a robbery because Tim won the fight. He should have been given the victory. That's why boxing is on the ropes in so many places today. This kid is a bonafide fighter, it's a tough sport, and you deserve to get paid when you work extra hard."

The appearance of Dr. Terry Christle, from Dublin, Ireland, brought the television crew of CBS' "60 Minutes" to town and he didn't disappoint the crew.

The 28-eight-year-old Irish middleweight made an impressive western debut with four knockdowns of Milton Busch, LaHabre, Calif., before making the TKO official at 1:24 of the sixth and final round.

Christle, 161¼, improved hs pro ledger to 12-0-1, with 10 kayoes, including four on this side of the Atlantic, by displaying an accurate jab and booming uppercuts to the body which had Busch on the canvas in the second, fourth, and sixth rounds. Busch dropped to 5-4-2, with two knockouts.

Orlin Norris, 206½, San Diego, kept the pressure on a lethargic Rufus (Hurricane) Madley, 220, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to score a unanimous 10-round decision. Norris' tab is 8-1 with four kayoes. Madley is 10-2-1 with eight knockouts.

Bronco Billy Wright, 231, West Jordan, Utah, made it four in a row as a pro by dropping Paul Bradshaw, 241¾, Phoenix, Ariz., twice before registering a TKO at 2:45 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bradshaw is 5-4.

Marcellus Allen, 173¾, Las Vegas, had too much speed in posting a unanimous six-round decision over Danny Lindstrom, 175½, Las Vegas. Allen is 3-0, Lindstrom 7-2-2 with four kayoes.

Miguel Miranda, 140, Los Angeles, Calif., came back from a first-round knockdown to upset Tony Davi, 140, Las Vegas, on a TKO at 2:47 of the third round in a sixer.

David Enroth, 173, Las Vegas, made his pro debut by stopping mismatched Jorge (Rocky) Moreno, 173½, National City, Calif., at 20 seconds of the first round. The latter has been knocked out three straight times in Las Vegas.
(02-12-87)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—Doug DeWitt, 161, Yonkers, N.Y., took his initial, and possibly last spill as a contender, when he was TKO'd by Jose Quinones, 161, New York, at 2:30 of round three in a scheduled 10. The always tough-chinned DeWitt was looking to climb back into the thick of the clouded middleweight picture after dropping his last two bouts and scoring wins in only two of his previous six.

It was not to be. Doug did press the issue and looked to have matters under control—winning rounds one and two, and in the process of taking the third—when he ran into a thunderous right hand that sent him sprawling into his own corner. Instinctively, he pulled himself up by the ropes, but was in no condition to go on as referee Frank Cappuccino wisely waved it over.

For Quinones, it's now Jose-can-you-see a title opportunity ahead as he accomplished what Hearns, McCrory and many others had failed. Said Jose afterward, "I had no idea that opening was coming; it just happened." Yes, indeed. It happens that way some times.

One of the men given serious consideration in the middleweight derby is Iran Barkley of New York. At 162 pounds, he showed what he calls his "true madness," but little form, in posting a unanimous 10-round decision over a game as hell Stacy McSwain, 160½, Forest City, N.C. What made Stacy's effort all the more amazing was that he actually tried to win—not just play catch for 30 minutes. The enormous work rate of hard punching Iran that got him scores of 98-90 from Frank J. Cairo, 99-91 from Richard F. Murry, and 98-92 from Eugene Grant, same as *The Ring*. The *heart* of McSwain won the hearts of the crowd.

Round four appears to be an early favorite for round of the year in Atlantic City. Trading fiercely, both were staggered in one of the few rounds in which McSwain looked to have the edge. Barkley, who suffered a small cut on the outside corner of his left eye, said afterwards, "I needed the work, but I had no idea this guy would be that tough. He gave me problems. I had to dig in and outmuscle him to the body after that (round four). None of the pitty-pat stuff; every punch had to have power." Stacy could attest to that, I'm sure.

Paul McPeek, 163, Louisville, stayed unbeaten (10-0 with seven kayoes) with a relatively easy six-round unanimous decision over sluggish James Barham, 164¼, Philadelphia. McPeek took scores of 60-51 from Cairo, 60-54 from Grant and 60-53 from Murry. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Taking the bout on less than one-hour notice, Mike (The Bounty) Hunter, 210, Greenville, S.C., clowned his way to a six-round draw with James Pritchard, 210¼, Louisville. Since Hunter was filling in for ailing stablemate Reggie Currington, the bout was cut from a scheduled eight in order to give Mike a "chance."

Pritchard was the aggressor, but could do little in watering down Hunter's act, as the crowd enjoyed the antics. Ineffective aggression was cancelled out by the clowning routine and all three judges had it 57-57, as did *The Ring*. Joe Cortez, referee. Both boxers remained undefeated. Hunter is 7-0-2; Pritchard is 11-0-1.

In the walk-out six, Darrell Lattimore, 150, Washington, D.C.

continued unbeaten (5-0 with one kayo) as he hung on to win a six-round unanimous decision over previously unbeaten (now 9-1, one kayo) and comebacking (out for 13 months) Bertram Buchanan, 152¼, New York. It took Bertram a few rounds to get his legs back, but he managed to rattle his fellow southpaw in the last two rounds. Scores: Cairo, 57-54; both Murry and Grant agreed with *The Ring* at 58-56. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
(02-20-87)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino—All good things come to those who wait. John Wesley Meekins and Harold Brazier butted heads last September 5th, and it was ruled a technical draw in round two. A couple of rematches went bye-bye. Finally, six months later, it became blue collar and loving it winning out over hot-shot and doubting it.

Brazier, 140, South Bend, Ind., a touring pro at age 31 who only started boxing at age 24 and compiled a mediocre 19-12 amateur log, successfully defended his NABF junior welterweight title with a hard-fought 12-round unanimous decision over Meekins, 140, New York, who, at age 21, was the house favorite groomed for stardom.

Scores: Al DeVito, 116-113; Harry Cecchini and John Poturaj both 116-112. This correspondent felt differently, awarding Meekins a 115-114 advantage.

Young John started quickly enough—sweeping the first three rounds on two of the cards. John's quicker reaction time enabled him to counter effectively. Brazier absorbed some wicked body blows and was clearly hurt in the third by three rights and a left hook that drove him to the ropes. John, however, couldn't get better than a 10-9 out of any of the judges for that performance.

After that, Brazier ever so slowly took the play away and apparently won the hearts of many, including the judges, with his fortitude and resilience to early pressure. Officially, it was all down hill after that for John; Cecchini and Poturaj gave him only one round each the rest of the night. When Brazier wouldn't fold up, some of the hot went out of Meekins' shot and it was "so long, undefeated record."

With Meekins sputtering and unraveling, failing to heed his corners plea to "double up the jab, then you move in and punch," Harold was able to force his will on the proceedings. Sensing the match was slipping away, Meekins pushed it through the final three rounds. Brazier showed he was more than a globe-trotting leather pushing boxer. He had found a home in his title and wasn't about to just give it up without the fight of his life.

Even if one did not endorse the decision, it was nice to see a dues paying boxer get the win and recognition. Steve Smoger, referee.

In an honestly bristling, thoroughly enjoyable eight-rounder that the sport of boxing could certainly use more of, Mickey Ward, 140½, Lowell, Mass. took a split decision over Hilario Mercedes, 143½, New York. No knockdowns were needed here as both fighters pleased all concerned with a capital "A" for effort, if not skill, in battling to the end.

Scores: John Poturaj had it 77-76 for Mercedes, but was outvoted by Eva Shain at 78-74 and Al DeVito at 77-75. *The Ring* had it 78-73 for the still unbeaten (12-0 with eight kayoes) Ward. The referee was Randy Neumann.

Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 134½, Plainfield, NJ, moved out from behind—after 17 months—and proved he wasn't just a shadow of his former self. He completely overpowered a respectable opponent in Rene Resto, 131, Brooklyn, stopping him at 1:57 of round two in their scheduled eight.

Resto was given a standing eight-count in round one by referee Neumann and was knocked down in the next round, with Neumann halting matters shortly thereafter. Poor Resto was pinned against the ropes for most of the execution. Knight is 13-0 with nine kayoes.

Jerry Smith, 155, Vineland, N.J., possibly the world's tallest junior middleweight at 6'2", couldn't keep his 5'7" foe off him very long. Bingo Dickerson, 153¾, Indianapolis, was dropped in round one but came back to give Smith a standing eight count in round two before Smoger stopped it at 1:29 of that session. It was scheduled for six.

Timekeeper—Lindsay Tucker
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
(02-24-87)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino—Victory came so easy for Howard "Little Slick" Steward that he was even able to experiment along the way. The Philadelphian is usually a pressure fighter who makes up for a substantial lack of fire power with an I'm-here-and-I'm-ready approach that leaves little room for errors or time off.

He had Juan Ramon Santana's number from the outset. By the middle rounds, Stewart, 141¾, was able to stick and move, dance and tease, as a frustrated and much slower Santana 142½ grew more and more befuddled.

Afterward, Stewart was quite naturally elated. "I tried to out slick him, just like my nickname. I ran six to eight miles instead of my usual three to four, and I felt that it was going to be my night. I said to myself that if I can go six, then I can go eight, and if I can go eight, then I can go 10 (this being his first)."

Santana, Camden, N.J., looked as flat as a pancake; capable of only following in mock attack, never able to get the edge. His stale performance did little to generate fan interest, and a suggested fine mix of styles went down the drain.

What happened? "The guy totally screwed up my plans" Santana said. "I've never fought a guy who moves like he does. He was always faster than me. He fought a smart fight and I give him credit. I feel bad because I'm not even tired. I waited too much."

Scoring: Rocky Castellani 100-91, Eva Shain 99-91, and Charlie Spina 100-90, all for Stewart. *The Ring* card read 99-88, also for Stewart. A unanimous decision, indeed. The referee was Paul Venti.

In a fast-paced and entertaining eight rounder, Vinny Burgese, 140¾, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Rasheed Ali, 141, Brooklyn. Vinny started and finished strongly, and while Ali made the middle rounds his territory, he lacked the concentration and proper punching technique to keep his foe from his appointed rounds. Burgese came prepared with a game plan, plus lots of energy to go with it. Scores: Castellani, 79-74, Shain 78-74. *The Ring* agreed with Spina, at 77-75. The referee was Steve Smoger.

In a rather tame affair, Randall Yonker, 165, Queens, N.Y., won a six-round unanimous decision over Bob Wasielewski, 164½, Bayonne, N.J. Scores: Spina 59-56, while both Shain and Castellani had it tabbed 58-56. Referee Venti. Yonker suffered a cut above the left eye during round five.

Bryant Paden, 135, Phila., won by TKO in five, when Owen McGeachy, 135, Brooklyn, could not come out for the sixth and final round. While never down, Owen was being chopped up rather convincingly, especially in the fifth session. Referee, Smoger.

David Jones, 139¾, Clementon, N.J. enjoyed a successful pro debut when he won by TKO at 2:27 of the first round against Steve Walker, 136, Phila., in a scheduled four. Walker was down once just before referee Venti stopped it.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert
Promoter—HBA (East) Madison Square Garden
Matchmaker—Ron Katz and Bobby Goodman
(02-05-87)

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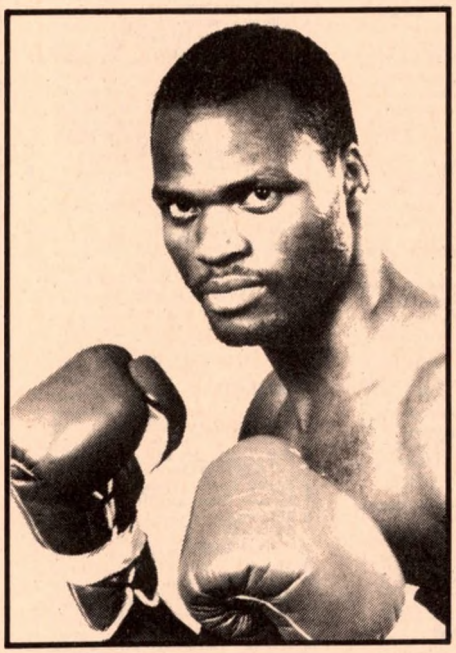

Welterweight contender Maurice Blocker stopped easy mark Adam George in the second round of a scheduled 10 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City.

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—A Washington, D.C.-based promotional group finally realized a two-year quest to "get into" this gambling resort, but found that the jackpot doesn't come all that easy. First, their Boone Pultz-Bash Ali main event fell out with a training injury to Pultz and had to be hastily replaced. Next, the tough Jersey commission nixed opponents for Simon Brown and Maurice Blocker (Don King and Dexter Smith). With a title shot at Breland in the wings, Simon and Maurice were to "prepare" by fighting two "safe" tomato cans. When Brown's next opponent, Sammy Leonard, arrived from Tulsa with light heavyweight baggage, he was relegated to the prelims, and Simon's appearance was scratched altogether. Finally, a pair of prospects never made it onto the undercard to the expressed anger of their manager, Jim Wiley.

In the quick-fix main go, Kenny Baysmore, 129½, D.C., defended his USBA junior lightweight crown with a blistering kayo over Marino El Gato Ramirez, 128, Santiago, Dom. Rep., via Paterson, N.J., at 0:24 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Though unbeaten in 20 bouts, Ramirez didn't seem quite ready for Baysmore, but he put up a gritty underdog performance that won the fans. The champion, by contrast, drew boos then twice was penalized for low blows and trailed on two cards after six. But Kenny began to take the southpaw challenger apart in the seventh and dropped him with a vicious left hook-right cross just before the bell. A still-wobbly Ramirez never made it out of his corner in the eighth. Baysmore charged across the ring and raked him on the ropes until a booming right dropped him as doctors poured into the ring. Tony Orlando refereed.

In a laugher, Blocker, 148, D.C., TKO'd fall guy Adam George, 148½, Lafayette, La, at 1:32 of the second round in a scheduled 10. George had nothing for Blocker, who deserves better competition, in a bout that did little to prepare the contender for a title shot. Adam was in trouble in the first and was floored twice in the second. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

In an earnest but anticlimactic 10, Steve Little, 154, Reading, Pa., clobbered Norberto Bueno, 153½, Chicago, by shutout unanimous decision. The nondescript-styled Bueno went down from a painful left hook to the eye in the fourth. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Dennis Milton, 157¾, Bronx, took a hard fought unanimous verdict over Sammy Leonard, 164, Tulsa, Ok., six. Leonard was in trouble in each of the first three rounds, but Milton always started late, with the bell interrupting his progress. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promoter—Charles Rosenbleet (Star Sport, Inc.).
Matchmakers—John Nittolo, Don Elbaum.
Attendance—750 (estimated).
Judges—title bout: Joe Pasquale, Lynne Carter, Al Reid; undercard: Rich Strange, Milo Savage, Charlie Spina.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer-Ed Derian.
(02-21-87)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Mike Williams, 220, Houston, Texas, TKO'd Billy (Moose) Thomas, 222, New Orleans, at1:26 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10, referee Luis Rivera intervening to save Thomas further punishment.

Williams failed to justify his press clippings, which heralded him as a new World beater and told of how Mike Tyson was hard pressed by him in training. The Texan may develop into a low echelon contender with the right training, but he isn't really much of a puncher and his jab is "put" rather than "thrown." Williams, who at least looks poised out there, is 11-0 with eight kayoes as a pro. Thomas is 16-6 with 14 knockouts.

Kevin (E.T.) Moley, 161, Selden, New York, floored and TKO'd Derrick Drane, 159, Honolulu, at 2:42 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Joe Santarpia referee. Moley is 26-2 with 22 kayoes. Drane is 14-6 with 12 knockouts.

Tyrone Jackson, 133, Harlem, New York, returned to action for the first time since his loss to then champion Ki-Yung Chung in a February, 1986 IBF featherweight title bout by knocking out Mario Salazar, 132, Harlingen, Texas, in 1:10 of round two in a scheduled eight. Luis Rivera, referee. Jackson is 23-1 with 18 knockouts. Salazar is 12-10.

Randy Gragg, 178, Detroit, Mich., won a unanimous decision over Richard Brownrigg, 180, Long Beach, New York, six. Brownrigg, cut and floored in the first session, managed to stay the distance and lost by 4-2 scores on the cards of judges Carol Castellano, Billy Graham, and Al Reid. Lew Eskin, referee. Gragg is 3-3. Brownrigg is a 4-2 with three kayoes.

Domingo Molina, 159, Brooklyn, New York, won a split decision over William James, 156½, Newark, N.J., six. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 5-1, James; Billy Graham and Al Reid, both 4-2, Molina. Fred Ucci, referee. Moley is 10-5-2 with four kayoes.

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2. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
3. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
4. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
5. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. Jose Ribalta (Florida)
7. Larry Alexander (Tennessee)
8. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
9. Gerry Cooney (New York)
10. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
11. Mitch Green (New York)
12. Terry Anderson (Florida)
13. James Broad (New Jersey)
14. Michael Williams (Texas)
15. Willie de Wit (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
1. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
3. Henry Tillman (California)
4. Bash Ali (California)
5. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
6. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
7. Bernard Benton (Pennsylvania)
8. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
9. Michael Arms (Arkansas)
10. Elijah Tillery (New York)
11. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
12. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
13. Cedric Parsons (Nova Scotia)
14. Prince Mohammed (California)
15. Mike Hunter (South Carolina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
2. Eddie Davis (New York)
3. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
5. Leslie Stewart (Florida)
6. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
7. Uriah Grant (Florida)
8. Ramzi Hassant (California)
9. David Sears (New York)
10. Jim MacDonald (Michigan)
11. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
12. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
13. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
14. Chuck Walker (Texas)
15. Jesse Shelby (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. Michael Olajide (Canada)
2. Iran Barkley (New York)
3. Michael Nunn (California)
4. Frank Tate (Michigan)
5. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
6. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
7. Don Lee (Indiana)
8. Mark McPherson (New York)
9. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
10. James Kinchen (California)
11. Matt Farrago (New York)
12. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
13. Doug DeWitt (New York)
14. Steve Darnell (Michigan)
15. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
2. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
3. Kenny Snow (Texas)
4. Mardo Roybal (California)
5. David Braxton (Michigan)
6. Troy Darrell (New York)
7. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
8. John Mugabi (Florida)
9. Kevin Moley (New York)
10. John David Jackson (Pa.)
11. Davey Moore (New York)
12. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
13. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
14. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
15. Mark Medal (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Luis Santana (California)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
3. Simon Brown (D.C.)
4. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
5. Lupe Aquino (California)
6. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
7. Hugh Kearny (Pennsylvania)
8. Jorge Vaca (Mexico)
9. Felipe Canela (California)
10. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
11. Darryl Anthony (Indiana)
12. Darren Van Horn (Louisiana)
13. Ricky Stoner (Texas)
14. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
15. Young Dick Tiger (Canada)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Brazier (Indiana)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. John Meekins (New York)
4. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
5. Cassius Clay Horn (Arizona)
6. Andy Nance (California)
7. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
8. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
9. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
10. Othal Dixon (Texas)
11. Gato Gonzales (Mexico)
12. John Montes (California)
13. Vincent Releford (Texas)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. Jesse Lopez (Oregon)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
3. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
4. Vinny Pazienza (Rhode Island)
5. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
6. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
7. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
8. Yogi Buchanan (Missouri)
9. Cornelius-Boza Edwards (Nevada)
10. Vinnie Costello (New York)
11. Irleis Perez (California)
12. Livingstone Bramble (New York)
13. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
14. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
15. John Duplessis (Louisiana)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mario Miranda (Florida)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Dwight Pratchett (Texas)
5. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
6. Dennis Cruz (New York)
7. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
8. Tony Lopez (California)
9. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
10. Raphe Sims (Texas)
11. Genaro Hernandez (California)
12. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
13. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
14. Tony English (Pennsylvania)
15. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
3. Irving Mitchell (California)
4. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
5. George Navarro (New Jersey)
6. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Hector Lopez (California)
9. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
10. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
11. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
12. Tony Pep (British Columbia)
13. Bruno Rabanales (Mexico)
14. Antonia de la Paz (Mexico)
15. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
1. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
2. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
3. George Garcia (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Darryl Thigpen (Missouri)
6. Jaime Garza (California)
7. Ramon Rico (California)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. Jorge Diaz (California)
10. Alfredo Rangel (Texas)
11. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
12. Juan Veloz (New York)
13. Gilberto Contreras (Texas)
14. Ramon Jiminez (Mexico)
15. Tony Montoya (Utah)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Duarte (California)
1. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
6. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
8. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
9. Raul Perez (Mexico)
10. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
11. Mike Moreno (California)
12. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)
13. David Gauvin (Texas)
14. Jibaro Perez (Mexico)
15. Juan Estrada (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzales (California)
1. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Jimmmy Fernandez (Mexico)
6. Mike Phelps (Texas)
7. Ray Medel (Texas)
8. Gonzalo Villalobos (Mexico)
9. Marco A. Benitez (Mexico)
10. Arturo Ruiz (Mexico)
11. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
12. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
13. Tony Escobar (Mexico)
14. Fernando Vargues (Mexico)
15. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
3. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
4. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
5. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
8. German Torres (Mexico)
9. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
10. Willie Salazar (Mexico)
11. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
12. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)
13. Babe Luis (Mexico)
14. Amado Urzua (Mexico)
15. Hilario Duran (Mexico)

O'Neill is 7-4 with four knockouts.

Ricky Marquez, 126, Flushing, New York, TKO'd Desmond Harry, 125, Richmond Hill, New York, at 2:37 of the first round with two knockdowns. Joe Santarpia, referee. Marquez is 2-1. Harry is 0-2.

Johnny Gross, 165, Syracuse, New York, TKO'd Pedro Marquez, 168½, Brooklyn, at 2:36 of the first round in a scheduled four. Lew Eskin, referee. Gross is 2-1. Marquez is 2-2 with one kayo.

Alternate judge—Ruben Garcia.
Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Attendance—1,277.
(02-12-87)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Electric Playground**—Promoter Peltz opened a "branch office" at a teenage disco to accomodate neighborhood fans of returning Anthony Boyle. Back in action after a forced idleness over a contract dispute, Boyle, 127, Kensington, looked anything but rusty, as he gave a *tour de force* beating to willing Jeff Hanna, 126, Terre Haute, Ind., eight. Though the decision was a unanimous shutout, Jeff put up a lively effort and kept the crowd entertained. Boyle couldn't discourage him, despite hitting Hanna with everything in his arsenal. John Carrol, referee.

A similar battle occurred as Kevin Bernard, 179, Kensington, won a unanimous decision over "Rattlesnake" Ray Fenix, 170½, Warsaw, Ind., four. Two snakeheads on Ray's shoes didn't scare Kevin as he dished out a beating in a wild shootout. John Carroll, referee.

Willie Ford, 130, S. Philadelphia, was gifted with a thoroughly undeserved majority decision over Martin Brokenbough, 130, W. Phila., four. Ford fooled the judges by looking busy, while Brokenbough landed all the telling blows. Rudy Battle, referee.

Improving Warren Nelson, 153, N. Phila., reversed a previous loss when he proved too slick for all-forward-gear Eric Holland, 152, N. Phila. Nelson won a deserved split decision in an action four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Darrell Underwood, 162, N. Phila., beat Ernest Wheeler, 158, S. Phila., by unanimous decision in a rugged four. Wheeler showed determination, but couldn't match Darrell's work ethic. Rudy Battle, referee.

Nate Miller, 188, Germantown (Phila.), kayoed an easily discouraged Harry Savage, 191½, N. Phila., after two knockdowns in 1:21 of the first round in a scheduled four. John Carroll, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmakers—J. Russell Peltz, Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—SRO 861. Gross—$9,300.
Judges—Carol Polis, Lynne Carter, Manny Altman.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(02-27-87)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Vaughn Hooks, 179, W. Phila., made a rare appearance and battered comebacking Dawud Shaw, 180, Chester, Pa., for a unanimous shutout, eight. The octopusing Shaw was simply unable to stand up to Vaughn's unsubtle power and was never in the fight. Dawud did, at least, make Hooks work hard for the win in rugged, though one-sided, action. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Frankie Mitchell, 132½, relocated to Philadelphia from Columbus, Ohio for greater opportunity, proved too quick and sharp, with a unanimous decision over the "new" Mike Brown, 134½, N. Phila., in a lively boxing match, six. John Carroll, referee.

Southpaw Ronnie Cooley, 120, N. Phila., won a unanimous verdict over Keith Jenkins, 125, N. Phila., in an action six. The slick Cooley was too good, but the stubborn Jenkins kept coming and nearly wore him out. John Carroll, referee.

Willie (The Little Worm) Monroe, 162, Rochester Ithaca, ham-

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mered Ivory Teague, 160, Washington, D.C., for a unanimous win, four. The cutie Teague stood up for two rounds, then wilted under a rugged body attack. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Nate Miller, 189, N. Phila., TKO'd Johnny Williams, 206, Silver Spring, Md., at 0:35 of the second round in a scheduled four. Miller dropped Williams at the start, then drew boos for his reluctance until Williams slumped to the canvas on purpose following a vicious eye cut. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Warren Nelson, 149½, N. Philadelphia, had to rally to kayo a game Will Robinson, 147½, S. Phila., with a sharp right in 2:54 of the second round in their scheduled four.

John Carroll, referee.
Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—700. Gross—$7500 (est.).
Judges—Carol Polis, Joe O'Neil, Al Morris.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(02-10-87)

▶**EASTON—State Theater**—Larry Holmes shifted his base of operations closer to home, presenting a card at this aged but still elegant old opera house. The main event was weak, but was more than made up by a sensational undercard.

Angel Cruz, 144, Bethlehem, returned home after severing his New York ties and was rewarded with a gift. Opponent Mike Salgado, 148½, New York, was no match and ended up running for his life before cowering in a corner until referee Tony Wolfe rescued him at 1:41 of the second in a scheduled 10.

By contrast, another hot ticket seller, Sam David, 120½, Phillipsburg, N.J., had life and death winning a majority decision over Arvel Campbell, 121, Milwaukee, in a sizzling eight. After scoring a flash knockdown with a right counter in the first, David was rattled badly by a sweeping left hook in the second. Sam was rusty, looped his punches and was lucky Arvel wasn't a big puncher. Adalaide Tyndale scored 38-36 and Paul Battle 37-34; Lynne Carter had it 36-36. Jimmy Condon, referee.

William Morris, 178, Phila., upset Ron (Stingray) McCarthy, 184¼, Easton, with a deserved split decision in a bruising six. Morris was too shifty, and kept the hard-hitting McCarthy from setting up. Carter voted 28-27 and Battle 29-25 for the winner, while Tyndale was off-base at 28-27, McCarthy. Tony Wolfe refereed.

A porked-up Anthony (Nightmare) Pearson, 153, Milwaukee, wasn't sharp, but merely bludgeoned hapless Clarence Williams, 157¼, Bethlehem, into a kayo at 3:03 of the third round in a scheduled six. A left hook to the ribs felled Clarence in a corner. Jimmy Condon, referee.

Kevin Fasick, 148, Altoona via Phila., struggled to a unanimous win over Curtis Roach, 145½, Reading, in a sensational four. The smoother-boxing Roach rattled slugger Fasick with a right in the first, but was twice dropped by a crushing body attack in the second and worn out by Kevin's determination. Jimmy Condon, referee.

Chris LoPresto, 172¼, Tamaqua, upset returning Al (Bubblegum) Sheriff, 176, Reading, Pa., by majority verdict in a wild four. The rusty Sheriff wilted under Chris' pressure. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Stan Johnson, 211, Paterson, brutally annihilated can't-fight-a-lick Frank Santini, 198, Phillipsburg, at 1:24 of the first round in their scheduled four. Santini was down twice, nearly beheaded by thunderous rights. Tony Wolfe refereed.

Promoter—Larry Holmes (Sports Cor, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—750. Gross—$8,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(02-14-87)

▶**PHILA.—Woodhaven Sports Center**—Coming on the heels of a serious injury on a crosstown rival club show, this promotion got a scare of its own. Luckily, it turned out no worse. Comeback-ing Anthony Witherspoon, 188, S. Phila., won the vacant state cruiserweight crown when he kayoed Al Shoffner, 190, Frankford (Phila.), at 1:56 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. The talented Witherspoon, who's never realized his potential, looked surprisingly sharp. The tough, but crude, Shoffner can be a difficult test, sporting an awkward offense. But Anthony had him constantly leaning the wrong way—into punches. Shoffner fell completely out of the ring in the third after lurching away from a wild right. By the seventh he was spent and felled by a crushing left hook. Making a miracle lurch to his feet at ref Joe O'Neil's "9½" count, Al fell back down and remained on the canvas until taken to a hospital. Fortunately, he suffered only exhaustion and a concussion, and quickly recovered.

In an exciting brawl that resembled two Irishmen out behind a bar, Brian McGinley, 149, Fishtown (Phila.), won a unanimous verdict over Dino (Mad Dog) Newville, 150, Williamstown, N.J., six. A reputed *kung fu* champ, Newville didn't seem sure which rules he was fighting under and used butts, elbows, low blows, and a variety of improvisations. But Brian proved too tough and pulled away. Joe O'Neil, referee.

The life-blood of the club, Bobby Koular, 160, N.E. Phila., was lucky to escape with a booed majority verdict over shifty Terrence Jacobs, 155½, S. Phila., four. A draw would have been better. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Kenny Page, 165, N. Phila., won a majority decision over returning Lou Owens, 165, Wilmington, in a spirited six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Promising Lenny Bainbridge, 138, Reading, looked sharp, with a sensational right dropping Walter Mercado, 140, Philadelphia, for a TKO at 1:43 of the second round in a scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Touted Andre Haddock, 157, N. Phila., was unimpressive, just edging Bill Robinson, 156, New York, via unanimous verdict in a dull four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Promoters—Vic Capcino, Frankie Wetzel (Cambria Promotions).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—1500. Gross—$17,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Rudy Battle, alternate referee.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(02-20-87)

J.R. JOWETT

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Championship
Vacant
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Champion
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Championship
Vacant
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
2. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)
3. Sammy Brooks (U.S.)
4. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
5. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
6. Mark Medal (U.S.)
7. Anthony Niley (U.S.)
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9. David Noel (Trinidad)
10. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
11. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
12. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

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Championship
Vacant
1. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
2. Ali Sahaam (U.S.)
3. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
4. Luis Santana (U.S.)
5. Young Dick Tiger (U.S.)
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Champion
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2. James McGirt (U.S.)
3. John Duplessis (U.S.)
4. Juan M. Coggi (Argentina)
5. Felix Santiago (Puerto Rico)
6. John Meekins (U.S.)
7. Jaime Ollenberger (Canada)
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9. Wilmer Ruiz (Mexico)
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Champion
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3. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
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10. Alfredo Chavez (Argentina)
11. Bernard Gray (U.S.)
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Championship
Vacant
1. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
2. Jose Vidal Concepcion (U.S.)
3. Dennis Cruz (U.S.)
4. Mario Miranda (Columbia)
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Roberto Rivera (Puerto Rico)
2. Dale Walters (Canada)
3. Nelson Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)
4. Richard Savage (U.S.)
5. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Republic)
6. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
7. Oscar Avila (Argentina)
8. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
9. Juvenal Ordenas (Chile)
10. Angel Mayo (Venezuela)
11. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
12. Marcus Villasana (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)
1. Jose Sanabria (Venezuela)
2. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
3. Harold Petty (U.S.)
4. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
5. Carlos Ramiro (Venezuela)
6. Waldemiro Montero (Brazil)
7. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
8. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
11. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
12. James Pipps (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Navarro (U.S.)
2. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
4. Chanquito Carmona (Mexico)
5. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
6. Robert Shannon (U.S.)
7. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
8. Raul Perea (Mexico)
9. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
11. Darrell Thigpen (U.S.)
12. Ali Camacho (Venezuela)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
2. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
3. Michael Parish (Guyana)
4. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
5. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
6. Santiago Caballero (Venezuela)
7. Paulo Ribeiro (Brazil)
8. Juan Cortez (Argentina)
9. Elvis Alvarez (Columbia)
10. Jose Chacon (Panama)
11. Eddie Rangel (Mexico)
12. Oscar Bolivar (Colombia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
1. Manuel Sayago (Venezuela)
2. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
3. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
4. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Republic)
5. Henry Brent (U.S.)
6. Ray Medel (U.S.)
7. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
8. Paul Gonzales (U.S.)
9. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
10. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
11. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Republic)
12. Jaime Miranda (Chile)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
4. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
5. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
6. Memo Flores (Mexico)
7. Augustin Garcia (Columbia)
8. Roy Thornton (Panama)
9. Amado Urzua (Mexico)
10. Jose Badilla (Chile)
11. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
12. Alfredo Reyes (Venezuela)

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, 155, Memphis, retained his Mid-South Boxing middleweight title by knocking out Anthony Campbell, 158, Little Rock, in 2:48 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Campbell had been down in the third and fifth.

Chuck Glover, 141, Covington, Pa., stopped Ken Louis, 146, Greenville, Miss., at 2:48 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Greg Dickson, 153, Memphis, halted Earl Jackson, 157, Memphis, at 2:06 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Robert Richardson, 192, Eldon, Mo., TKO'd Billy Finley, 197, Kennett, Mo., at 2:46 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Kenny Cole, 131, Memphis, halted Ali Smith, 128, Little Rock, at 1:02 of the second round in another scheduled four.

Tal McCallum, 138, Memphis, made his pro debut by stopping Sherman Black, 143, Memphis, at 1:40 of the first round in another slated four.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Irving Tucker, Sam Garland.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum, Mark Atkinson.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Kim Fuks.
Mid-South Boxing, Inc.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—650 (estimated).
(02-03-87)

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—The first three bouts of Mid-

South Boxing's junior middleweight tournament made up the entire card.

J.D. Dobbins, 154, Little Rock, TKO'd Bruce Card, 155, Memphis, who failed to answer the bell for the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Dobbins took control early in the bout and never let up, hitting Card with hooks and strong right hands.

Paul Thorn, 155, Tupelo, Miss., won a unanimous (99-91, 99-91, 97-96) decision over Tyrone Neux, 154, Covington, Tenn., 10. Meux fought aggressively, but could not overcome Thorn's size and reach advantage.

Brian Grant, 155, Memphis, TKO'd Marcellus Jackson, 155, Memphis, at 2:15 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Irving Tucker, Sam Garland.

Judges—Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Alex McCollum, Mark Atkinson.

Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.

Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.

Ring Physician—Dr. Claudio Feller.

Mid-South Boxing, Inc.

Promoter—Tom Harmon.

Matchmaker—Red Fortner.

Attendance—350 (estimated).

(02-17-87)

▶**NOTES**—The second round of Mid-South Boxing's junior middleweight tournament will pit Grant against Dobbins and Thorn against Reggie Barnes of Millington, Tenn., who received a bye in the first round. These will be 10-rounders.

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**HOUSTON—Marriot Brookhollow Hotel**—Mike Williams, 220, Conroe, Texas, overcame a knockdown to score a TKO over James (Quick) Tillis, 212, Tulsa, Ok., at 2:48 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Williams backed up whenever Tillis threw a punch and went down from an overhand right to the head in the third session. The younger man was in control from the sixth on and put Tillis away in the eighth with a left jab to the chin and a right to the cheek. Quick made it to his feet, but Williams followed up with everything he had, and Tillis' manager, Beau Williford, threw in the towel just as referee Barry Yeats stepped in to stop the bout.

Sherman Griffin, 188, Houston, TKO'd Bobby Crabtree, 188½, Ft. Smith, Ark., at 0:23 of the fourth round.

Ronald Haynes, 140½, Houston, TKO'd Grant Walters, 141, New Orleans, at 2:07 of round four. Haynes is 16-2.

Everett Martin, 168, Houston, TKO'd Victor Walker, 167½, Odessa, at 2:46 of the second.

Glen McCrory, 196½, Newcastle, England, knocked out Calvin Sherman, 235, Franklin, La., in 2:42 of the first round.

Warren Williams, 154, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Lee Roy Rivera, also 154, Odessa, four.

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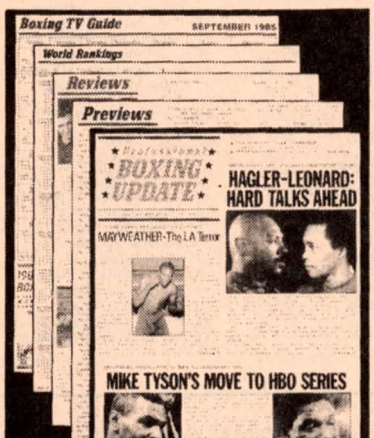

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EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Greenwich Town Hall**—Gary Muir, All-Ireland welter champ, 139, stopped Andrew Furlong, 136, Wimbledon, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 1:40 of round two in a scheduled eight (two-minute rounds) after Furlong had been down from a left hook.

Trevor Smith, 146, Harlow, took his winning run to seven by stopping Courtney Phillips, 148, Battersea, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 1:56 of the eighth and final (two-minute) round after Phillips had been down twice.

Ian Honeywood, 133, Peterborough, made an impressive debut by outpointing the hitherto undefeated Wayne Weekes, 132, Downhamn, not losing a round on referee Reg Thompson's card of 60-58 after six twos.

Referee Thompson awarded a similar scoreline to Fred James, 166, Acton, in outpointing debutant Ray White, 163, Hanwell, also over six twos.

Debutant Rudi Valentino, Hanwell, outpointed Mike Russell, 133, Plymouth, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Tim O'Keefe, 133, Hornchurch, outpointed debutant Micky Crawford, also 133, Peckham, referee Jacobs scoring it a narrow 58½-58 after six twos.

John Devine, 126, Camden Town, stopped Mark Millington, 128, Stepney, referee Thompson intervening at 1:44 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Millington under pressure and bleeding from the nose.

(10-22-86)

▶**STF √ENAGE—Leisure Centre**—Tony McKenzie successfully defended his British light welterweight title by knocking out Welsh champion Michael Harris, who was counted out by referee Sid Nathan at 2:03 of round 10 in a scheduled 12. The final punch was a left hook.

Harris was one and a half pounds overweight at the official weigh-in, but managed to get it off. It was only five weeks since McKenzie had won the title.

Andy Straughn, 187½, Hitchin, won the vacant British cruiserweight crown by narrowly outpointing Ghana-born Tee Jay, 189, Clapham, referee Nathan scoring it 117½-117 after 12. It was as close as the scoreline suggests, with Jay cut near the left eye and Straughn with a bruise under the right.

Floyd Havard, 127½, Swansea, stopped Joe Duffy, 125½, Glasgow, referee Tony Walker calling a halt at 1:27 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with Duffy under pressure. It was Havard's eighth successive win.

Hugh Ford, 132, Birmingham, easily outpointed Tony Graham, 132½, Kilburn, referee Walker casting it 59 1/2-58 after six twos.

Sean Murphy, St. Albans, didn't lose a round in outpointing Simon Turner, Birmingham, referee Walker scoring it 60-57½ after six threes.

Keith Ferdinand, 220, made it four in a row by stopping American Joey Parker, 208, referee Walker intervening at 1:23 of round three in a scheduled six threes after Parker had been down.

(10-25-86)

▶**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—John Moody, 173¼, Raleigh, kept his Southern Area light heavyweight title by stopping Lennie Howard, 173¾, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 2:00 of round two in a scheduled 10 after Howard had been down twice.

Mickey Hughes, 152¼, looked as if he would lose his unbeaten record when he rallied to stop Ian Chantler, 154½, St. Helens, referee Richie Davies calling a halt at 1:42 of the sixth and final round with Chantler "in no position to defend himself."

Teddy Anderson, 141¼, Wickford easily outpointed Renard Ashton, 136, Luton, referee O'Connell scoring it 79-77 after eight twos.

Wally Jarvis, 118½, Ware, twice got off the canvas to draw with Roy Deeble, 119, over six twos. Both were making their debuts. Richie Davies, referee.

Debutant Mike Aubrey, 175, South Benfleet, stopped Dennis Hogan, 177, Cork, referee Davies calling a halt at 0:54 of round four in a scheduled six twos when Hogan was cut near the right eye. Aubrey looked well in front.

Ivan Joseph, 195, Limehouse, didn't lose a round in outpointing Patrick Collins, 189, Bristol, referee Davies scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

(10-23-86)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Blaine Longsden, 178, Warrington, kayoed Sean O'Phoenix, 174, Manchester, with a left hook in the final seconds of their scheduled eight. Brian Hogg, referee.

Debutant Paul Gillings, 149, Liverpool, stopped Steve Hogg, also 149, St. Helens, referee Harry Warner intervening at 0:51 of round one in a scheduled six after Hogg had been floored.

Carl Cleasby, 128, Pudsey, beat Nigel Crook, also 128, Chorley, who was retired by his corner at the end of round five in a scheduled six with a cut near the left eye.

G.L. Booth, 150, Manchester, outpointed Steve Harwood, 148, Batley, referee Warner scoring it 59-58½ after six.

(10-27-86)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Metropole Hotel**—Floored at the end of round one, W.O. Wilson, 160, got up to outpoint Simon Collins, 162¼, over eight, referee John Coyle casting it 79-77½.

Tony Swift, 134½, Solihull, outpointed Patrick Loftus, 134, Peterborough, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Derek Amory, 126, drew with Shane Porter, 122, Kettering, six. Jim Pridding, referee.

Steve Higgins, 137, Charlton, kayoed Young Gully, 138, Birmingham, who was counted out by referee Coyle at 0:50 of round two in a scheduled six twos.

Roy Williams, 126, Merthyr, outpointed Paddy Maguire, 122, Birmingham, referee Pridding carding it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

(10-23-86)

▶**EDGBASTON—Tower Ballroom**—Martin McGough, 147, Coventry, kayoed Tommy Campbell, 150¼, Blantyre, who was counted out by referee Paul Thomas at 2:25 of the opening round after a barrage of blows, during which he was cut by the right eye. It was some time before he recovered.

John Hyland, 121¾, Liverpool, outpointed Glen Dainty, 122, Canvey, referee Thomas scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos. Dainty was previously undefeated.

Hugh Forde, 129¾, Birmingham, stopped John Bennie, referee Larry Thompson intervening at 1:38 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Bennie had been down four times. Both were previously unbeaten.

Ronnie Campbell, 143, Dudley showed commendable courage and determination in surviving three knockdowns and earning a draw with John Mullen, 141¼, Irvine. The fans gave both men a great ovation. Brian Arnott, referee.

Derek Amory, 124, stopped debutant Mark Bignall, also 124, Birmingham, referee Thompson calling a halt at 1:00 of round one in a scheduled six twos after Bignall had been floored twice and sustained a swelling near the left eye.

Gary Peynado, 124, Birmingham, stopped Stuart Carmichael, 125, the referee intervening at 1:40 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Carmichael had been decked in the opening round and was cut near the right eye.

(11-03-86)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Mark Poultney, 142½, Bedworth, outpointed Andy O'Rawe, 145, Canvey Island, referee John Keane (who handled all bouts) scoring it 79-78 after eight twos. O'Rawe was cut near the right eye.

Seamus Casey, 155, Alfreton, narrowly outpointed Peter Elliot, 159, Burton, by 59-58½ over six twos.

Wayne Weekes, Downham, 131, stopped Alvin Finch, also 131, Kendal, the referee intervening at 1:24 of round four in a scheduled six twos when Finch had a cut on the forehead which required five stitches.

Floyd Davidson, 168, Derby, outpointed Lee Woolis, 167, Alfreton, by a narrow 59-58½ over six twos.

(10-29-86)

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Errol Christie, 162½, didn't lose a round outpointing Sean Mannion, Galway, 163½, whose eight-year pro career has all been in America. Referee Mickey Vann scored it 100-96 after 10.

A fine comeback by Christie after that disastrous defeat by Mark Kaylor, and Mannion played his part with a gutsy display, fighting every inch of the way.

In a bout between two Americans, Tyrell Biggs, 224, stopped Robert Evans, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:35 of round five in a scheduled 10 with Evans under pressure.

Southern Area lightweight champion Mo Hussein, 134½, stopped Venezuelan Jose Mosqueda, 133, referee Van calling a halt at 1:20 of round seven in a scheduled eight with Jose "in no position to defend himself." Mosqueda seemed fortunate not to be disqualified for various breaches of the rules.

All other bouts were over six twos. Tommy Shields, 149, stopped Paul Wetter, 149½, Newport, referee Nathan intervening at 1:26 of round two after Wetter had been down twice.

Mickey Ould, 165, Bermondsey, outpointed Tony Stevens, also 165, Hackney, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 59½-58. Stevens was down briefly in the final round.

Substitute Karl Barwise, 166, Tooting, drew with Nicky Thorne, 166½, who was making his debut. Sid Nathan, referee.

Debutant Roy Rowlands, 142, West Ham, won every round against Nicky Lucas, 142, referee Sower casting it 60-57.

Tommy Roberts, 141½, Yateley, also won every round against Tyrell Wilson, 142, referee Nathan scoring it 60-57.

(10-29-86)

▶**BELFAST—Ulster Hall**—Herol Graham relinquished the British middleweight crown in his quest for world honours. The vacant title was won by Graham's stablemate, Brian Anderson, 159¾, who stopped Tony Burke, 159¼, Croydon, at 0:45 of round eight in a scheduled 12. So, the title stays in Sheffield.

Anderson looked in front, with his left hand proving the deciding factor. The end was totally unexpected. Anderson landed a right hand, and Burke immediately bent over, head in gloves. He then went back to the ropes.

He made no attempt to continue the fight, and referee Larry O'Connell had no option but to stop it. That was the official result, although it appeared that Burke had retired himself.

It transpired that Burke's left eyelid had been badly cut. He also complained of blurred vision.

Roy Webb, 124¾, Larne, kayoed Gary Maxwell, 124¼, Sheffield, in 2:50 of round five in a scheduled six. Barney Wilson, referee.

Paul Hodkinson, 129¾, Belfast, former British amateur champion, looks like a fine young prospect. It took him 1:30 of round two to kayo Craig Windsor, 132½, Glasgow, and he looked far more mature than his years. Larry O'Connell, referee.

Eamonn McAuley, 133¼, another former British amateur champion from Belfast, stopped Les Remekie, 131¾, referee O'Connell calling a halt near the end of round two in a scheduled six when Remekie sustained an eye injury.

Sam Storey, 163, Belfast, stopped Jimmy Ellis, 166¾, Sheffield, referee Barney Wilson intervening at 1:00 of round five in a scheduled six, much to Ellis's disgust; but Storey was well ahead.

Rocky McGran, 157¾, Belfast, kayoed Danny Quiggs, 160, Glasgow, in 2:45 of round three in their scheduled six.

(10-29-86)

▶**EBBW VALE—Leisure Centre**—Robert Dickie, Welsh-born, who won the Scottish featherweight title, and then the British crown, successfully defended the latter for the second time, and thus won the Lonsdale Belt outright in a record time of 203 days, beating Pat Cowdell's previous record by one day.

To accomplish this, Dickie outpointed John Feeney for the second time, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 119½-114 after 12.

There was a sensational start, with Feeney down twice in the opening round. But he came back so well and so quickly that it was Dickie who looked in a bit of trouble in round two.

From then on, Dickie took over. But, like the good pro he is, Feeney wouldn't concede an inch, and kept going grimly until the final bell, in spite of a swelling under the right eye.

A fine performance by Dickie, who, at 22, has a bright future.

Russell Jones, 130, Gilfach Goch, won the vacant Welsh super featherweight title by outpointing Mark Pearce, 129½, referee Ivor Bassett scoring it 99-97½ after 10. Jones was cut near both eyes, which were twice examined by the referee.

Welshman Andrew Williams, 134, outpointed Ray Newby, 135, Midlands Area champion, scoreline 79½-76½ after eight. An excellent bout.

Gary Gething, 166, Abergavenny, outpointed Winston Burnett, 166½, Cardiff, referee Bassett scoring it 59-58 after six. Substitute Burnett had his man down in round three, and many thought he deserved at least a draw.

Keith Parry, 135, Swansea, stopped Mervyn Bennett, 134½, Cardiff, referee Roddy Evans intervening at 1:05 of round three after Bennett had been down.

Nigel Haddock, 128, Llanelli, and Nigel Senior, 131½, Nottingham, met for the fourth time, with Haddock gaining a narrow points win, scoreline 59-58½ over six. Previously, Haddock had won two and drawn the other.
(10-29-86)

▶**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Herol Graham, 158¾, continued his winning streak by beating Mark Kaylor, 159½, who was retired in his corner at the end of round eight in a scheduled 12, officially because of an eye injury. Graham, however, looked comfortably ahead at that stage. John Coyle, referee.

It was Graham's 37th straight win, but probably his hardest to date. He thus retained his European middleweight title and took another step toward that world crown.

Graham had to call on his expert ringcraft to subdue an eager opponent who never gave up trying, and was as plucky as they come.

Kaylor only made the weight at the second visit to the scales, and in the future will box at super middleweight, a division recognized only by the IBF.

Nick Wilshire, 156½, the Commonwealth light middleweight champion, stopped American Mike Castronova, 155¾, referee Coyle calling a halt at 1:47 of round two in a scheduled 10 after Mike had been down twice.

Gary Mason, 241½, kayoed American Donnie Long, 235½, in 1:31 of the first round. A right to the head did the trick. Larry O'Connell, referee.

European featherweight champion Jim McDonnell didn't lose a round in outpointing American Troy Davis, 131¾, referee O'Connell scoring it 100-95½ after 10.

David Dent, 147¾, outpointed Dutchman Kid Taylor, 145¼, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Michael Watson, 160½, Islington, didn't lose a round in outpointing Alan Baptiste, 161¼, referee Thompson scoring it 80-76½ after eight. Baptiste was down in round two and bled from the nose. Watson had a swelling near the right eye.
(11-04-86)

▶**OLDHAM—Sports Centre**—Brian Schumacher, 173, won the Central Area light heavyweight title after only four pro fights by stopping Ian Lazarus, 174, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 1:52 of the opening round in a scheduled 10 after Lazarus had been floored. It was the first time the latter had been stopped by a British boxer and full credit to Schumaker.

The Central Area lightweight title remains vacant after Brian Roche, 134, and Carl Crook, 134¼, boxed a 10-round draw. Both retain their unbeaten records. Brian Hogg, referee.

Lee Walsh, 129¼, won the vacant Central Area super featherweight title by outpointing Mike Whalley, referee Harry Warner casting it 98½-97½ after 10. Walsh thus avenged a previous defeat.

George Collins, 148¾, stretched his undefeated record to 18 after stopping sub Del Bryan, Nottingham, 144, referee Warner calling a halt at 2:30 of round four after Bryan had been down three times.

Joey Jacobs, 137¾, stopped Kenny Walsh, 137, referee Phil Cowshill intervening at 1:45 of round four in a scheduled six after Walsh had been down.

Former Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, 120, came back after a year's inactivity to stop Rocky Lawlor, 121, referee Cowshill halting matters at 1:07 of round three after Lawlor had been down.

Tony Richards, 138, didn't lose a round in outpointing John Best, Nottingham, 144, referee Cowshill scoring it 60-59½ after six.
(11-04-86)

▶**LONGFORD—Heathrow Park Hotel**—After over a year's inactivity, Simon Harris, 177, Hanwell, outpointed John Williams, 174, Harlesden, referee Dave Parris scoring it 59-58½ after six twos. Some thought this scoreline flattered Williams.

Andy Till, 157, Northolt, easily outpointed Randy Henderson, 160, Hackney, referee Parris casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Mark Dinnadge, 142, Eltham, beat Nicky Lucas, also 142, Swindon, who retired with an injured left hand at the end of round four in a scheduled six twos. Richard Davies, referee.

Sub Ian Bayliss, 169, Preston, stopped Fred James, 167, Eltham, referee Davies intervening at 1:54 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos after James had been down.

Paul Gadney, 133¼, Woolwich, stopped Mark Champney, 129, Bournemouth, referee Davies calling a halt at 1.40 of the sixth and final (two-minute) round. Champney was still on his feet, but Gadney had established a big lead.
(11-10-86)

Commonwealth Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Horace Notice (Great Britain)
1. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
2. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
3. Willie de Wit (Canada)
4. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
5. Joe Bugner (Great Britain)
6. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
7. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
8. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
9. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
10. Dave Garside (Great Britain)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bash Ali (Nigeria)
3. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)
4. Tony Fuliangi (Tonga)
5. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
6. Andy Straughn (Great Britain)
7. Dave Russell (Australia)
8. Young Dempsey (Canada)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Tee Jay (Great Britain)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
2. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
3. Uriah Grant (Jamaica)
4. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
5. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
6. Don LaLonde (Canada)
7. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
8. Gary Hubble (Australia)
9. Keith Bristol (Great Britain)
10. Yawe Davis (Uganda)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Michael Olajide (Canada)
3. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
4. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
5. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
6. Mark Janssen (Australia)
7. Brian Muller (Guyana)
8. Tony Burke (Great Britain)
9. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)
10. Amaro Sanda (Guyana)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
3. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Lloyd Hibbert (Great Britain)
6. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
7. Steve Renwick (Australia)
8. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
9. David Noel (Trinidad)
10. Troy Waters (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
2. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
5. John Mundugu (Uganda)
6. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
7. Tony Brown (Great Britain)
8. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
9. Charles Kwokolo (Nigeria)
10. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Pat Leglise (Australia)
3. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
4. Laurie Mann (Canada)
5. Will Gentzen (Australia)
6. Jamie Ollenberger (Canada)
7. Tony McKenzie (Great Britain)
8. Tony Jones (Australia)
9. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
10. Barrington Cambridge (Guyana)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Lester Ellis (Australia)
5. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
6. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Sam Ago Kotey (Guyana)
9. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
10. Mike Durvan (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Sam Akromah (Ghana)
1. Barry Michael (Australia)
2. John Zichula (Zambia)
3. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
4. Tony Miller (Australia)
5. John Doherty (Great Britain)
6. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
7. Shane Knox (Australia)
8. Kevin Pritchard (Great Britain)
9. Pat Ford (Guyana)
10. Hakeem Ali (Nigeria)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
5. Robert Dickie (Great Britain)
6. John Feeney (Great Britain)
7. Tony Pep (Canada)
8. Anthony Brown (Great Britain)
9. John Farrell (Great Britain)
10. Oscar Nkhata (Zambia)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Ray Minus (Bahamas)
1. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
2. Mike Parris (Guyana)
3. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
4. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
5. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
6. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
7. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
8. Chris (Ash) Kpakkpo (Ghana)
9. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
10. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
1. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
2. Nana Yaw Konadu (Guyana)
3. Steve Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
4. Junior Thompson (Australia)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
7. James Njorge (Kenya)
8. Albert Musankabala (Zambia)
9. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
10. Peter Mitrevski (Australia)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Robert Harkin, 140½, Renton, gained a narrow points win over the previously unbeaten John Smith, 142, Liverpool, referee Len Mullen scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

Alistair Laurie, 147, Selkirk, drew with Jeff Decker, 146, Whitley Bay, over eight. Len Mullen, referee. A bout with plenty of action, both men down in round four.

Alex Mullen, 160, Irvine, outpointed Doug Calderwood, also 160, Scarborough, referee Mullen casting it 79-78 after eight.
(11-06-86)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Kid Milo, 155, Birmingham, beat Darwin Brewster, 154, Cardiff, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four in a scheduled eight twos when he was cut near the left eye. John Keane, referee.

Ian Honeywood, 133, Peterborough, beat Andy Pybus, 134, Birmingham, who was also retired by his corner at the end of round two because of an injured shoulder. Honeywood looked well on top. Terry O'Connor, referee.

Geoff Calder, 148, Kidderminster, stopped Graeme Griffin, 146, Corby, referee O'Connor intervening at 1:28 of round five with Griffin under pressure.

Phil Lashley, 126, Birmingham, kayoed Roy Williams, 124, Merthyr, in 63 seconds of the opening round. Terry O'Connor, referee.

Steve Brown, 133, Birmingham, outpointed Paul Sharkey, 142, Doncaster, over four twos, referee Keane scoring it 39½-38½.
(11-10-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Blaine Longsden, 176½, Warrington, kayoed Glazz Campbell, 176, Brockley, in 0:50 of round three in a scheduled eight twos with a right hand. Mickey Vann, referee.

Leon Thomas, 158, Coventry, made an impressive debut with a points win over Dave Score, also 158, referee Phil Cowshill scoring it 59½-59 after six twos. Thomas was handicapped by an injury to his left eye and was good value for his victory.

David Hughes, 129, Sheffield, outpointed Carl Cleasby, also

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129. Leeds, referee Vann casting it 59½-58½ after six twos. Cleasby finished strongly. Hughes was floored in the final round, but was up without a count.

Gerry McBride, 122, Manchester, drew with Chris Clarkson, 121½, over six twos. Phil Cowshill, referee.
(11-03-86)

▶**LONDON—Cafe Royal**—Errol McDonald, 142, Nottingham, stopped Gerry Beard, 140½, Nottingham, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:03 of round four in a scheduled eight twos after Beard had been down.

Mark Simpson, 149, Brighton, outpointed Curt Barnard, 148½, referee Parris casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Brian Nickels, 136, Kilburn, stopped Noel Rafferty, 138, referee Richie Davies intervening at 0:54 of the sixth and final (two minute) round with Rafferty under pressure.

Debutant Dennis Banton, 164½, outpointed Tony Lawrence, 162½, referee Davies scoring it 59-58 after six twos.
(10-29-86)

▶**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Noel Magee, 175, Belfast, made it 12 without defeat by outpointing Serge Fame, 172, Paddington, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 79½-77½ after eight. Fame was down in the final round.

Johnny Melfah, 158, Gloucester, outpointed Graeme Ahmed, 157, South Shields, referee Dakin scoring it 59½-58½ after six. Melfah sustained facial injuries.

Simon Eubanks, 143, Brighton, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 140, Liverpool, referee Paddy Sower casting it 80-76½ after eight, indicating Eubanks hadn't lost a round.

Tim Driscoll, 127, Bermondsey, also didn't lose a round, outpointing Mike Russell, 129½, Plymouth, by 60-57½ on referee Dakin's card after six.

Lee West, 137, Brixton, outpointed Ian Honeywood, 133, Peterborough, referee Sower casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Mickey Crawford, 133½, Peckham, stopped Jess Rumdan, 133, Plymouth, referee Sower intervening at 1:30 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Rudman had been down and cut under the left eye.
(11-17-86)

▶**HUDDERSFIELD—Ladbroke Mercury Hotel**—Dean Marsden, 133¼, Leeds, boxing as a sub, kayoed Steve Pollard, 132, Hull, referee Ron Hackett counting out the latter at 0:43 of round seven in a scheduled eight.

Chris Clarkson, 120½, Hull, stopped Gordon Stobie, 118, Doncaster, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:55 of round four in a scheduled six when Stobie was cut by the left eye.

Kevin Spratt, 137½, Yeadon, kept his unbeaten record when he drew with debutant Tony Banks, 133½, Leeds, who received £50 from an appreciative fan after their six-rounder.

Marvin P. Gray, 136, Stanley, narrowly outpointed Ernie Noble, 134, Wakefield, referee Warner scoring it 59-58½ after six. Gray received £25 as winner of the best contest of the evening, and a member of the public gave Noble a similar sum as reward for his effort.
(11-13-86)

▶**BATLEY—Frontier Club**—Manny Romain, 147¼, Edinburgh, came in as a sub and produced a shock result by stopping Charlie Watson, 150, Bradford, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 2:24 of the opening round in a scheduled eight after Watson had been down.

Derek Wormold, 154, kept his unbeaten record by stopping David Scere, 156, Manchester, referee Hogg calling a halt in round three of a scheduled eight twos when Scere was cut near the left eye.

Darren Connellan, 132, Rochdale, easily outpointed Nigel Senior, 130, Nottingham, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59½-58 after six. Senior was down in round two.

David Ingram, 121, Grimethorpe, stopped Albert Parr, 119, St. Helens, referee Garner calling a halt at 1:38 of round three after Parr had been floored twice.

Debutant Geoff Armitage, 138, outpointed Robert Newbiggin, 142, Southport, referee Hogg casting it 59½-58 after six.

Steve Williams, 174, Falkirk, drew with Peter Brown, 172, Bradford, over six. Brown was down three times early on, but recovered well. Keith Garner, referee.

Down in the opening round, Steve Harwood, 142, Batley, got up to outpoint Ian Murray, 139¼, Manchester, not losing a round on referee Garner's card of 60-57½ after six.
(11-11-86)

▶**SOUTHAMPTON—Guildhall**—Gary Cooper, 152, Marchood, kept his Southern Area light middleweight title by outpointing Mick Courtney, 153½, Chorleywood, referee Roland Dakin scoring it a narrow 98½-98 after 10. This was also an official eliminator for the British crown. Courtney thought he had won clearly, and was bitterly disappointed, announcing his retirement from the ring.

Peter Bunting, 189, outpointed Mick Gordon, 217, Doncaster, referee Dakin scoring it 60-58 after six, indicating that Bunting hadn't lost a round.

Winston Burnett, 166, Cardiff, outpointed Bobby Williams, 160, Southampton, referee Jack Snipe casting it a narrow 79-78½ after eight.

Russell Burnett, 159, Southampton, outpointed Clayton Stewart, 159, Gosport, referee Snipe casting it 60-58½. Stewart was down twice in their six-rounder. Burnett didn't lose a round.

Mark Simpson, 153, Brighton, outpointed Dean Turner, 154, Southampton, referee Snipe casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(11-11-86)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Pat Clinton, 113¾, Glasgow, stopped Gypsy Johnny, 112, Colne, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 1:25 of round five in a scheduled eight after Johnny had been down four times. Clinton was floored in round two.

Robert Harkin, 142, Renton, outpointed Junaid Musah, also 142, Liverpool, not losing a round on referee Len Mullen's card of 60-57½ after six.

Debutant Jim Moffat, 134¼, Irvine, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 136½, Doncaster, referee Rafferty scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Harry Mullen, 150, Irvine, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Jeff Decker, 149, South Shields, who was retired by his corner

WORLD RATINGS
BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of February 3, 1987)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
2. James Douglas (U.S.)
3. Carl Williams (U.S.)
4. James Broad (U.S.)
5. Tyrell Biggs (U.S.)
6. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
7. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
8. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
9. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
10. Greg Page (U.S.)
11. Elijah Tillery (U.S.)
12. Larry Alexander (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
1. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
2. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
3. Dwight M. Qawi (U.S.)
4. Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
5. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
6. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
7. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
8. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
9. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
10. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
11. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
12. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
1. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
2. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Charles Williams (U.S.)
5. Richard Caramonolis (France)
6. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
7. Jeff Lampkin (U.S.)
8. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
9. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
10. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
11. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
12. Virgil Hill (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
2. Don LaFonde (Canada)
3. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
4. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
5. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
8. Yombo Araka (Cameroon)
9. Chuck Walker (U.S.)
10. Doug Sam (Australia)
11. Vincent Boulware (U.S.)
12. Lamont Kirkland (U.S.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
2. Michael Olajide (Canada)
3. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
4. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
5. James Kinchen (U.S.)
6. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
7. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
8. Frank Tate (U.S.)
9. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
10. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
11. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
12. Don Lee (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Buster Drayton
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
2. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
3. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
4. Donald Curry (U.S.)
5. Davey Moore (U.S.)
6. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
7. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
8. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
9. John Mugabi (Uganda)
10. Mark Medal (U.S.)
11. John David Jackson (U.S.)
12. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. David Hilton (Canada)
6. Simon Brown (U.S.)
7. Mark Breland (U.S.)
8. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
9. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
10. Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)
11. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
12. Luis Santana (U.S.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
1. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
2. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
3. Buddy McGirt (U.S.)
4. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
5. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
6. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
7. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
8. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
9. Akio Kameda (Japan)
10. John Meekins (U.S.)
11. Andy Nance (U.S.)
12. Harold Brazier (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Haugen (U.S.)
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
3. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
4. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
5. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
6. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
7. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
8. Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
9. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
10. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
11. Vinny Pazienza (U.S.)
12. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
2. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
3. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
4. Geron Porras (Philippines)
5. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
6. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
7. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
8. Daniel Londas (France)
9. Hang Park (Korea)
10. John Sichula (Zambia)
11. Dester Ellis (Australia)
12. John Duplessis (U.S.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Kwon Chul (Korea)
2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
3. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
4. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
5. Cha-Suk Oh (Korea)
6. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Jae-Yong Hwang (Korea)
9. Hirohomi Minami (Japan)
10. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
11. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
12. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
1. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
2. Jorge Diaz (U.S.)
3. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
4. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
5. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
6. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
7. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
8. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
9. Little Holmes (Indonesia)
10. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
11. Jose Meneses (Panama)
12. Jesse Benavides (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Vacant
1. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
2. Francisco Alvarez (Columbia)
3. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
4. Jose Sanabria (U.S.)
5. Jun Llano (Philippines)
6. Azael Moran (Panama)
7. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
8. Antoine Montero (France)
9. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)
10. Luis Curtis (U.S.)
11. Darrell Thigpen (U.S.)
12. Jimmy Navarro (U.S.)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
2. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
3. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
4. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
5. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
6. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
7. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
8. Juan Polo (Columbia)
9. Miko Uchita (Japan)
10. Dae-Yong Park (Korea)
11. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
12. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
1. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
2. Orlando Bohol (Philippines)
3. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
4. Thanosak Singbobe (Thailand)
5. Ramon Medal (U.S.)
6. Romy Navarrete (Philippines)
7. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
8. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
9. Hiroshi Murozumi (Japan)
10. Dodi Penalosa (Philippines)
11. Okong Son (Korea)
12. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)

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Champion
Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
2. Agustino Garcia (Colombia)
3. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
4. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
5. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)
6. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
7. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
8. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
9. Jae-Suk Park (Korea)
10. Kyong-Jae Chang (Korea)
11. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
12. Rex Ikeda (Japan)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Kyung-Yon Lee (Korea)
2. Masharu Kawakami (Japan)
3. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
4. Edwin Inocencio (Philippines)
5. Samuth Sithnaryepol (Thailand)
6. Julius Leojan (Indonesia)
7. Eric Chavez (Phillippines)
8. Jun Mable (Philippines)
9. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
10. Thanjan Kratthavatchai (Thailand)
11. Ronnie Vallescas (Philippines)
12. Nick Dalisay (Philippines)

at the end of round five with a swelling under the left eye.
(11-17-86)

▶**STAFFORD—Colosseum**—Shane Sylvester, 119, West Bromwich, outpointed Danny Lee, 120, Greenock, winning every round on referee Paul Thomas's card of 80-76 after eight. Lee was down in round three.

Ronnie Carroll, 119, Glasgow, outpointed Shane Porter, 120, Kettering, referee Thomas scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Adam Muir, 136, Greenock, outpointed debutant Ken Whorton, 135, Oxford, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

John Leys, 124, Glasgow, gained a six-rounds points win over Billy Cawley, 128, Birmingham, referee O'Connor casting it 59-58.

Will Halliday, 146, Leicester, kayoed Mike MacKenzie, 148, Perth, in 2:02 of round two in a scheduled six. MacKenzie was down twice in round one.
(11-17-86)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—British and Commonwealth amateur champion Darren Dyer, 146, was down from a right hand in the opening round of his scheduled six, but quickly recovered to stop Trevor Grant, 147, Lewisham, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:04 of round two after Grant had been floored twice. An anxious pro debut for Dyer, who did well after overcoming his impetuosity.

Dave Dent, 146½, Camden Town, outpointed Steve Elwood, 146, Lewisham, referee Parris scoring it 80-76½ after eight, indicating that Dent had not lost a round.

Mickey Hughes, 151, Archway, kayoed Manny Romain, 148, Edinburgh, referee Nick White counting out the latter at 1:09 of round four in a scheduled six.

Jimmy Harrison, 148, Wandsworth, stopped Gary Champion, 147, Norwich, referee Parris calling a halt at 2:55 of round four in a scheduled six as Champion went down.

Ivan Joseph, 197½, Hackney, outpointed Patrick Collins, 191, Norwich, referee White scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Roy Deeble, 119, Chelmsford, beat Wally Jarvis, 118, Ware, referee White intervening at 0:54 of the sixth and final round when Jarvis was cut near the right eye. Jarvis was down briefly in round two.
(11-20-86)

▶**MERTON—Civic Hall**—Lou Gent, 180, Streatham, kayoed Gypsy Carmen, also 180, in 1:55 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos with a left hook. Roy Francis, referee.

Andrew Furlong, 138, Fulham, drew with Welshman Chubby Martin, 137, over eight twos. Roy Francis, referee. Martin was down in round one, and some thought the verdict flattered him, booing the decision.

Andy Wright, 168, Tooting, outpointed Winston Burnett, also 168, Cardiff, referee Tony Walker scoring it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Nigel Moore, 156, Thamesmead, outpointed Eddie Brooks, 155, Walworth, referee Walker casting it 59½-58½ after six.

John Nanton, 152, Walworth, stopped Dean Turner, 154, Southampton, referee Walker calling a halt at 1:55 of round five in a scheduled six twos when Turner was bleeding from the nose and under pressure.
(11-20-86)

▶**ILKESTON**—Mickey Bird, 158, Chesterfield, stopped Dean Murray, Birmingham, 160, referee Frank Parkes intervening when Murray was floored for the fifth time at the end of round five.

Ray Golding, 146, Nottingham, outpointed Ian Murray, 144, Birmingham, referee Parkes scoring it 60-58 after six, indicating Golding hadn't lost a round.

Eddie King, 142, Doncaster, outpointed David Bacon, 143, Chesterfield, referee Parkes scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Steve Brown, 134, Birmingham, outpointed Dave Croft, also 134, Doncaster, referee Parkes casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(11-20-86)

▶**SWANSEA—Patti Pavilion**—Peter Harris, 125½, Swansea, didn't lose a round, outpointing Kelvin Smart, 122, Caerphilly, referee Adrian Morgan scoring it 100-95½ after 10. The bout was for the vacant Welsh featherweight title.

Steve Davies, 152½, Pembroke, stopped John McGlynn, 153, Swansea, who stopped boxing and turned away at 2:55 of round three, indicating that he had injured his wrist. His retirement was accepted by referee Morgan. Davies thus won the vacant Welsh light middleweight title.

All other contests were scheduled for six twos.

Dean Lynch, 123¼, Swansea, won every round in outpointing Phil Lashley, 127, Birmingham, referee Morgan scoring it 60-57 from outside the ring. Triallist referee Mike Heztherwick officiated inside.

Debutant Carl Perry, 125, Swansea, narrowly outpointed Derek Amory, Birmingham, 124½, referee Wynford Jones casting it a narrow 59-58½.

Kevin Roper, 166½, Swansea, beat Paul Hanlon, 164½, Birmingham, who retired at 0:29 of round five because of an elbow injury. Wynford Jones, referee.

Rocky Reynolds, Swansea, 155¾, didn't lose a round in outpointing Johnny Stone, Gloucester, also 155¼, scoreline 60-57½.
(11-18-86)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Mike Durvan, 135, narrowly outpointed Andrew Mayers, also 135, Aston, referee John Coyle scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Twelve months earlier, Durvan also won on points.

Wally Reynolds, 152, Solihull, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Franki Moro, 151, Ghana, referee Coyle's scoreline of 80-75½ indicating Reynolds had won every one of the eight rounds.

In a "rubber" match, Gary Peynado, 130, outpointed Stewart Fishermac, 121, Luton, referee Brian Arnott casting it 80-77½, indicating that Peynado had not lost one of the eight twos.

Ronnie Campbell, 140¼, Dudley, outpointed Tony Richards, 138¼, referee Arnott scoring it 79½-77½ after eight twos.
(11-19-86)

▶**DONCASTER—Adwick Leisure Centre**—Former British light middleweight champion Prince Rodney, 161, returned after seven months' inactivity to stop Carlton Warren, 162, Pudsey, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:25 of round seven in a scheduled eight with Warren under pressure.

Commonwealth lightweight champion Langton Tinago, Zimbabwe, stopped Michael Marsden, Leeds, referee Vann calling a halt at 2:56 of round four in a scheduled 10 with Marsden under pressure. Both were inside 137.

Andrew Gerrard, 220, Newport, beat Neil Malpass, 214, referee Harry Warner intervening at 0:27 of round three in a scheduled six after a clash of heads produced a cut near Malpass' left eye.

Kevin Plant, 141, Denaby, outpointed Michael Betts, 139½, Norwich, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Sean Daly, 194½, Leigh, stopped Dave Madden, 216, Doncaster, referee Warner calling a halt just before the end of the opening round in a scheduled six twos with Madden under pressure.

Dean Eshelby, Sheffield, outpointed Tony Ekubia, Manchester, referee Warner casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(11-18-86)

▶**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Gerry McBride, 121, Manchester, outpointed Ronnie Stephenson, 120, Doncaster. John Coyle, who refereed all bouts, scored it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Debutant Tony Connellan, 136, Manchester, outpointed Tony Banks, 135½, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Andrew Steadman, 124, Keighley, outpointed Des Gargano, 123, scoreline 60-57 after six, indicating Steadman had won every round.

Reuben Thorley, 160, Leicester, was outpointed by Tommy Houston, also 160, Blackpool, scoreline 39½-39 after four twos.
(11-24-86)

▶**CARDIFF—Star Leisure Centre**—Mark Pearce, 132, Cardiff, outpointed Tony Borg, 133, referee Ivor Bassett scoring it 79-78 after eight. Borg was down briefly in rounds two (twice), and for a longer count in round four.

Keith Parry, 134, Swansea, outpointed Eddie Lloyd, 133, Rhyl, referee Roddy Evans scoring it 79-77½ over eight.

Sean Cummings, 152, Leicester, beat Gary Pemberton, 154½, referee Evans intervening with 54 seconds of the sixth and final round remaining when Pemberton was cut by the right eye.

Debutant Kevin Hayde, 144, Cardiff, a late starter at 27, drew with Kelvin Mortimer, 140, over six twos. Ivor Bassett, referee.
(11-24-86)

▶**MAIDENHEAD—Magnet Leisure Centre**—Simon Harris, 176, Hanwell, stopped Lee Davis, 182, Reading, referee Sid Nathan intervening with seven seconds left of round three in a scheduled eight when Davis had been floored by a left hook and hit his head on the canvas.

Debutant Geoff Sharp, 155½, Maidenhead, didn't lose a round in outpointing Geoff Calder, 151, Kidderminster, referee Nathan casting it 60-57½ after six twos.

Geoff Siiltoe, 131, Swansea, outpointed Richard Dimmock, 130, Wokingham, referee Nick White scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Roddy Maxwell, 155, Glasgow, stopped Roy Horn, 151, Maidenhead, referee Nathan intervening at 1:06 of round four in a scheduled six after Horn had been down from a right to the head.

Brian Nickels, 135, Northolt, stopped John Townsley, 135½, Glasgow, referee White intervening at 1:46 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos with Townsley under pressure.

George Baigrie, 141, stopped Steve Higgins, also 141, Plumstead, referee White calling a halt at 1:22 of round two in a scheduled six twos with Higgins under pressure.
(11-21-86)

▶**MIDDLESBROUGH—Marton Country Club**—Willie Wilson, 137, Nottingham, drew with Billy Smith, 136½, Newcastle, over eight. Arnold Bryson, referee. Plenty of action, and the fans tossed in £110 in nobbins.

Returning after nearly five years' inactivity, Neil Fannon, 165, Hartlepool, outpointed Doug Calderwood, 161, Scarborough, referee Gerald Watson scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. Calderwood was floored in the last round.

Paul Deans, 149½, Jarrow, outpointed Peter Calterdale, 149, Hartlepool, referee Bryson casting it 59½-58 after six.

Mark Millington, 130¼, Aldgate, outpointed Pakistan-born Ty Zubair, Nelson, 126½, referee Watson scoring it 39½-38½ after four twos. Zubair was down in round one.
(11-24-86)

▶**BREDBURY—Quaffers Club**—Joey Jacobs, 135, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 138, Manchester, over eight, referee Harry Warner scoring it 79½-77.

Johnny Nelson, 177, outpointed Chris Little, 176, over six, referee Ron Hackett casting it 60-57, indicating Nelson won every round.

John Best, 143, outpointed John Smith, Liverpool, 142½, referee Harry Warner scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Debutant Emsley Bingham, 156, kayoed Steve Ward, 158, Nottingham, in 1:17 of round five in a scheduled six. Ward complained of back trouble, something he had experienced before. Ron Hackett, referee.

Fred Jon, 156, Manchester, kayoed Tony Lawrence, 160, in round one. Ron Hackett, referee. Lawrence was up at nine, but went down again without taking a punch.
(11-20-86)

▶**LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre**—In a final eliminator for the British welterweight title, Southern Area champion Rocky Kelly, 147, stopped Central Area champion Tony Brown, 146, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:25 of round 11 in a scheduled 12 with Brown under pressure. Brown was down at the end of round six.

An excellent contest, with both men fighting their hearts out. Enthusiastic fans threw in £26 nobbins.

British lightweight champion Tony McKenzie, Liverpool, 143¼, got off the canvas in the opening round to stop American Ford Jennings, 144, referee Nathan calling a halt at 1:58 of round five in a scheduled 10 when the American was cut near the right eye.

Chris Blake, 144, Croydon, outpointed Peter Ashcroft, 143, Liverpool, referee Dave Parria scoring it 78½-77½ after eight.

Floyd Havard, 131½, Merthyr, stopped Marvin P. Gray, 131½, referee Tony Walker calling a halt at 0:27 of round two in a scheduled six after Gray had been down.

Keith Ferdinand, 224, Islington, outpointed Steve Gee, 213½, Birmingham, not losing a round on referee Parris's card of 60-57½ after six.

Micky Ould, 168, Bermondsey, outpointed Winston Burnett, 173½, Cardiff, referee Walker casting it 59½-58½ after six. Ould was down in round four.

Debutant Mark Fairman, 114, Bermondsey, outpointed Kerry Webber, 115, Wales, not losing a round on referee Walker's card of 60-57½ after six.
(11-29-86)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Gary Mason, 240, Wandsworth, came in as a sub and gained his 15th successive win by outpointing American Oscar Holman, 214, referee John Coyle scoring it 79½-76½ after eight. It was the first time Mason had been taken the full distance.

Midlands Area light heavyweight champion Tommy Taylor, 176, beat Sean O'Phoenix, Dublin, 174, referee Coyle intervening at 1:12 of round three in a scheduled eight when O'Phoenix was cut near the right eye.

Peter Till, 135, Walsall, kayoed Gerry Beard, 136½, Nottingham, in 0:31 of round four in a scheduled eight. A right hook did the trick. Jim Pridding, referee.

Tony Swift, 135, Birmingham, narrowly outpointed Adam Muir, 136, Glasgow, referee Pridding casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Kesom Clayton, 145, Bedworth, outpointed Ian Murray, 147½, Birmingham, referee Pridding's card showing 59½-58 after six twos.
(11-26-86)

▶**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Mark Reefer, 129¾, Hackney, stopped Nigel Haddock, 129, Llanelli, referee Roy Francis accepting Haddock's retirement at the end of round three in a scheduled eight twos when Haddock's lip was cut. It was Reefer's first contest in over 12 months.

Mark Dinnadge, 139, Eltham, stopped Brian Wareing, 143, Southport, referee Francis intervening at 1:36 of round two in a scheduled six twos after Wareing had been down twice.

All other contests were scheduled for six twos.

Chris Devine, 191, Chesterfield, outpointed Daniel T. Moul, 226, Billericay, referee Francis scoring it 59½-58½.

Mike Russell, 134, Plymouth, beat Paul Gadney, 131, Woolwich, who was disqualified by referee Jack Snipe at 1:30 of round one for an alleged low blow. Russell was given time to recover, but couldn't do so. When they met previously, Russell won on a knockout.

George Grey, 165, Brixton, stopped Tony Stevens, 164½, Hackney, referee Snipe not bothering to take up the count as Stevens went down for the second time at 0:48 of the opening round.

Rudi Valentino, 133, Woolwich, narrowly outpointed Tim O'Keefe, 133, Hornchurch, referee Snipe casting it, 59-58½.

Gary Steff, 144½, Barking, outpointed Norris Dennis, 146, Luton, referee Snipe's card showing 59½-58.
(11-26-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—The Ritz**—Kevin Taylor, 127, Rochdale, stopped Mike Whalley, 128, Manchester, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:32 of round three after Whalley had been floored. Taylor had been down briefly in round one.

Billy Ahearne, 168, outpointed Lee Woolis, 172, Alfreton, referee Warner casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Steven Foster, 156, outpointed Seamus Casey, also 156, referee Keith Garner casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Russ Davidson, 128, outpointed Carl Gaynor, also 128, referee Garner casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Derek Wormold, 156, Rochdale, stopped Cliff Domville, 152, referee Warner calling a halt at 1:32 of round four with Domville under pressure.
(11-25-86)

▶**PETERBOROUGH—Wirrina Stadium**—Lenny Gloster, 142,

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beat Western Area champion Frankie Lake, 139, who retired at the end of round six in a scheduled eight with an injured left hand. Gloster looked ahead at that stage. Sid Nathan, referee.

Gary De Roux, 130½, Peterborough, stopped Geoff Sillitoe, 127, Swansea, who retired at the end of the opening round in a scheduled six with a hand injury. Sillitoe had been floored by a right.

Nigel Fairbairn, 156, Peterborough, outpointed Rocky Reynolds, 151½, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Dave Pierre, 142, Portsmouth, stopped Steve Tempro, 143½, Leicester, referee Sower calling a halt at 0:58 of round five in a scheduled six when Tempro had been down, had lost a tooth and was cut on the mouth.

Nigel Senior, Nottingham, 129½, stopped Ian Honeywood, Peterborough, referee Nathan intervening in round five of a scheduled six after Honeywood had been down from a left hook.
(11-28-86)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Joey Joynson, 132½, Liverpool, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 133, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 80-76 after eight twos, indicating Joynson had won every round.

All other contests were six twos.

Paul Burton, 154, Sheffield, stopped Malcolm Davies, 156, Shrewsbury, referee Parks calling a halt at 0:40 of the final round when Davies was cut near the right eye.

Michael Vern, 138, Wednesbury, stopped Ken Whorton, 136, Oxford, referee John Keane calling a halt at 1:55 of round four with Whorton under pressure.

Gus Menzies, 184, Birmingham, outpointed debutant Danny Hassan, 188, Cardiff, referee Keane scoring it 59-58½. Hassan was floored three times.

Debutant Tony Whitehouse, 139, Birmingham, outpointed Kevin Plant, 140, Doncaster, referee Keane casting it 59½-58½.
(11-25-86)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Ray Newby, 133, Nottingham, beat George Baigrie, 137, Edinburgh, who was disqualified by referee John Keane for hitting his opponent when he was on the canvas. Time was 1:15 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos.

Nigel Crook, 116, Chorley, stopped Chris Clarkson, also 116, Hull, referee Keane intervening at 1:33 of the sixth and final (two-minute) round with Clarkson under pressure.

Sean Daly, 191, Leigh, won every round in outpointing Mick Cordon, 213, Doncaster, referee Keane scoring it 60-57 after six twos.

Ian Whitehead, 172, Derby, outpointed Nick Vardy, also 172, Alfreton, referee Keane casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Steve Garber, 220, Bradford, outpointed Tony Hallett, 214, Newcastle, referee Keane's card showing 59½-58½ after six.
(12-01-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Mohammed Lovelock, 133, outpointed John Farrell, 130, referee Ron Hackett scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight. Only afterwards did M.C. Nat Basso tell spectators that just 24 hours previously, John's brother, Chris, had been killed in a road accident. A fine example of "the show must go on" from John, who said he did not want to disappoint those who had come along to support the bill.

Andrew Steadman, 125, Keighley, narrowly outpointed Lamsby Kahani, 127, Sheffield, referee Hackett scoring it 59-58½ after six.

G.L. Booth, 149, Salford, outpointed Paul Gillings, 150, Liverpool, referee Phil Cowshill casting it 59½-58½ after six. Gillings was down briefly in round two.

Jeff Armitage, 138, Manchester, stopped Eddie King, 140, Doncaster, referee Cowshill calling a halt at 1:05 of the opening round in a scheduled six.
(12-01-86)

▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—American Charlie Boston, 158½, stopped Errol Christie, Coventry, 162, referee Mike Jacobs intervening with 50 seconds remaining of round eight in a scheduled 10 after Christie had been down four times. Christie had his moment of glory when he floored Boston with a right hand in round six, but this only made Boston increase the tempo.

Sylvester Mittee, Hackney, 148, stopped substitute Indelmar Montano, Colombia, 149½, referee Adrian Morgan intervening at 1:00 of round three in a scheduled 10 when the Colombian was cut near the left eye. Mittee was well in front.

American Melvin Epps, 195, outpointed former British heavyweight champion Hughroy Currie, 226, referee Jacobs scoring it 78½-77½ after eight.

• Tony Wilson, 176½, Wolverhampton, stopped Simon Harris, 175, Hanwell, referee Morgan calling a halt at 2:46 of round six in a scheduled eight when Harris turned away, pointing to his mouth. It was found that he had broken his jaw. Wilson was down in round four, but recovered well.

Roy Rowlands, 143¼, West Ham, outpointed Nick Meloscia, 146, Swindon, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Sean Murphy, 119½, outpointed Des Gargano, 121, Manchester, referee Snipe's card showing 60-57 over six, indicating Murphy had won every round.

Tommy Shiels, 147½, Kilburn, stopped Mark Simpson, 148½, Brighton, referee Snipe calling a halt at 0:58 of the opening round in a scheduled six after Simpson had been floored by a left hook.
(12-03-86)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Tony Connellan, 138, Manchester, stopped Steve Hogg, 142, St. Helens, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 1:15 of round seven in a scheduled eight with Hogg under pressure.

Jeff Armitage, 133, Manchester, drew with Craig Walsh, 136, Bradford, over six. Keith Garner, referee.

Debutant Paul Jones, 142, Sheffield, outpointed Paul Gillings, 147, Liverpool, referee Hogg casting it 60-57½ after six. Gillings was down twice.

Another debutant, Les Gilbert, 132, Manchester, outpointed yet another boxer making his debut, Chris Graham, 130, Belfast, referee Garner casting it 59½-58 after six.
(12-08-86)

▶**SOUTHEND—Twentieth Century Sporting Club**—Geoff Sharp, 152, Maidenhead, stopped Fred Jon, 154, Manchester, referee Roy Francis intervening at 0:58 of round five after Jon had been down thrice.

Tony Ekubia, 141, Manchester, stopped Danny Cooper, 142, Southampton, referee Tony Walker calling a halt at 1:47 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Cooper under pressure.

Paul Taylor, 128, Southampton, stopped Nigel Lawrence, also 128, Battersea, referee Walker calling a halt at 0:21 of round five in a scheduled six twos after Lawrence had been floored by a right cross.

Mike Aubrey, 177, Canvey Island, outpointed Jerry Reed, 191, referee Francis scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(12-02-86)

▶**EDGBASTON—Tower Ballrooms**—Lloyd Christie, 138¾, Wolverhampton, stopped Tony Adams, 138¾, referee John Coyle intervening at 2:20 of round six in a scheduled 10 after Adams had been down. Christie did well to overcome a cut near the left eye which was inspected by the referee.

Derek Wormold, 154, Rochdale, came in as a sub and stopped Martin McGough, 149, who retired at the end of round four because of an injured right hand. Wormold looked ahead.

Hugh Forde, 129, made it six out of six with a fine points victory over Darren Connellan, 133, Rochdale, referee Terry O'Connor scoring it 59½-57½ after six twos.

Sub Kelvin Mortimer, 143, Rhondda, kayoed Ronnie Campbell, 142, Dudley, in round five of a scheduled six twos.

Gary Sommerville, 143, Birmingham, drew with John Smith, 142, Liverpool, over eight twos. Bags of action, and nobbins from appreciative fans. Terry O'Connor, referee.
(12-08-86)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Dave McCabe, Glasgow, 142, stopped Ken Foreman, 140½, Hartlepool, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:52 of round four in a scheduled eight after Foreman had been down three times.

Junaid Musah, 142½, Liverpool, stopped Alistair Laurie, 143, Selkirk, who retired at the end of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos, still dazed after a knockdown.

Donnie Hood, 118, drew with Jamie McBride, Glasgow, over eight twos. Billy Rafferty, referee.

Craig Windsor, 131¼, Blantyre, narrowly outpointed Bill Smith, 132, Newcastle, referee Mullen casting it 78½-78 after eight twos.
(12-08-86)

▶**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Wally Reynolds, 152, Birmingham, outpointed Ian Chantler, 154, Liverpool, referee Jim Pridding scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight twos.

Steve Brown, 134½, Birmingham, outpointed Dean Bramhald, 135, Doncaster, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59-58 after six.

Dave Croft, 133, Doncaster, outpointed Andrew Pybus, 132, Birmingham, referee Pridding's card showing 59½-58½ after six.

Wil Halliday, 147, Leicester, drew with Geoff Calder, 148, Kidderminster, six. Terry O'Connor, referee.

Bill Cawley, 122, Birmingham, outpointed John Drummond, 126, Rhyl, referee O'Connor scoring it 59½-57½ after six.
(12-03-86)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Ronnie Carroll, 119, Glasgow, outpointed Midlands Area champion Rocky Lawlor, 119, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Tony Swift, 136, Birmingham, outpointed George Baigrie, also 136, Edinburgh, referee Jim Pridding casting it 60-58 after six twos, indicating that Swift hadn't lost a round.

Martin Kielty, 163, Birmingham, outpointed Ray White, 164, Kettering, over six twos.

Frank Monkhouse, 125, Glasgow, stopped Phil Lashley, 124½, Birmingham, referee Parkes intervening at the end of round four when Lashley was cut near the left eye. Monkhouse was down in round two from a right hand.

Paul Bowen, 138, Wednesbury, stopped Noel Rafferty, 137, Coventry, the bout being stopped at 1:43 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Rafferty under pressure.
(12-08-86)

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JAPAN

▶**KAKOGAWA—Sports Center**—Fast rising Kenji Matsumura, 111, scored a one-punch knockout over Thai champ Putt Ohyuthanakorn, 110½, in 0:18 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Kenji, a former amateur champ, is 5-2 with three knockouts.

Shigenobu Nakamasa, 118, the JBC's seventh ranked bantamweight, was knocked flat by Shinji Ozawa, 117¾, in 0:20 of the fifth session in a scheduled eight.

Kakogawa Kobe Promotions. No telecast.
(12-23-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hard-punching Tiger Michigami, 131¼, halted Yoshiteru Uegaki, 128¾, at 0:47 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.

Michigami, the JBC's top junior lightweight contender, thus tabbed his seventh consecutive kayo and improved his log to 15-5 with 13 knockouts. Uegaki fought back well, but fell to 7-2-1 with four kayoes.

Masayuki Takahashi, 112, scored a TKO over Kenji Yokozoawa, 111½, at the end of the second round in a supporting 10.

Takahashi, 21 and the Japanese Boxing Commission's second ranked 112-pounder, is now 13-1 with five kayoes. He suffered his sole loss, a kayo at the hands of Leopard Tamakuma, earlier in 1986. Kenji, 23, fell to 7-7-2 with two knockouts.

Takao Sakamoto, a highly touted ex-amateur star, 145¼, tasted a bitter kayo defeat at the hands of Jae-Yong Park, the Korean Boxing Commission's second ranked welterweight, 146¼, in 0:44 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Promising Kengo Fukuda, 126, unanimously outscored Ikuo Matsuno, 126, four. Fukuda, piloted by ex-Orient flyweight champ Hitoshi Misako, is 7-1 with six stoppages.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,580.
(12-25-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tall Nobuyuki Tabata, 154, won the vacant Japanese junior middleweight title, making short work of Kenji Kubo, 153¼, with a single right hand in 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round bout.

Tabata, a six-footer, moved up to the 154-pound class after he lost the national welterweight crown to Fujio Ozaki in a rematch last May. Tabata, 23, is 19-5-1 with 16 kayoes. Kubo, 26, dropped to 3-4-1 with two knockouts.

Takashi Shuto, previously known as Takashi Komori, 125½, survived a second round visit to the canvas and kayoed Kazuo Arashi, 126, in 0:41 of the ninth session of their scheduled 10.

Takashi, 26, is now 9-5-1 with six knockouts. Kazuo, 25, fell to 18-7-2 with 11 kayoes. Hiroyuki Tezaki refereed.

Koei Kogyo Odawara Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,830.
(01-08-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—After Japanese featherweight champ Eijiro Kuruma announced his retirement, an eliminator to decide a new champion took place.

It was the second day of the annual Carnival of Champions, in which all national kingpins have to defend against the top contenders.

Mitsuru Sugiya, 126, recaptured the crown with a smashing kayo over lefty prospect Kenji Iizumi, 126, in 2:57 of the third round in a scheduled 10. (Sugiya had lost the title to Kuruma via an upset knockout last August.)

Sugiya, a glass-jawed puncher, is now 21-2 with 15 knockouts. Kenji, who had scored 10 wins in a row, fell to 12-2 with 10 kayoes.

Tomohiro Kiyuna, the WBA's eighth ranked junior flyweight, 108, banged out Yukinari Oshiro, also 108, to win the vacant Japanese title in their scheduled 10.

Kiyuna had been demolished by champ Myung-Woo Yuh in his quest for the WBA title in Korea a half year ago. Prior to that bout he had relinquished his Japanese title. He has now regained it.

Kiyuna is 17-2 with seven knockouts. Oshiro impaired to 12-3, including seven stoppages.

World Sports Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,600.
(01-12-87)

▶**KYOTO—Kyoto Municipal Gymnasium**—Former Japanese junior flyweight champ Tetsumi Takeshita made a successful comeback under the name Tetsumi Matsushima. The ex-champ, 111¼, floored Indonesian kingpin Anburi Sanusi, 113, in the fifth and 10th rounds, winning a one-sided, unanimous decision, 10. Scoring: referee Fukita, 100-90; judge Matsumoto, 100-91; judge Kashiwagi, 98-91—all for the aggressive Matsushima.

Tetsumi is 12-4-1 with nine kayoes.

Korean Soo-Min Cho, the KBC's eighth-ranked lightweight, 138¾, easily stopped Makoto Ito, 140, at 1:34 of the second round in a supporting 10. Cho is 6-1 with four kayoes. Ito, the JBC's number two junior welterweight, is 7-5 with two knockouts.

Katsunori Nagamoto, 118¼, took a unanimous decision (double 79-74 and 78-74) over Korean Ok-Ki Cho, 119, eight.

Cho, the KBC's seventh ranked junior bantamweight, is 7-5-1. Nagamoto is 11-10 with one kayo.

Byung-Soo Park, the Korean number five featherweight, 130¼, defeated Katsumi Nonoguchi, 130¼, by a unanimous nod, eight.

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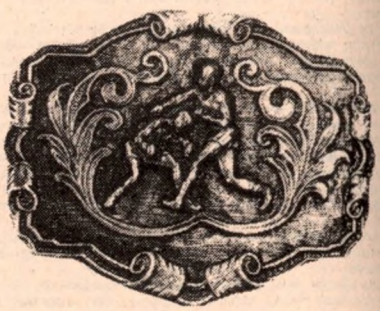

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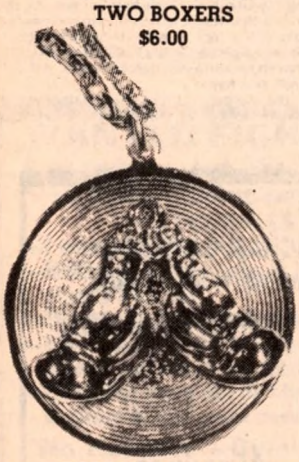

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The official scores were 78-75, 77-73 and 78-74. Park lost a point due for low blows midway in round six.

Byung-Soo improved his log to 9-3-3. Nonoguchi fell to 8-4 with two kayoes.

Tsukahara Promotions. No telecast.

(01-1[illegible]-87)

▶**KOCHI—Prefectural Gymnasium**—It was the third card in the Carnival of Champions. Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 122, won the vacant Japanese junior featherweight crown by halting Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, the WBC's 30th-ranked super bantamweight, 121¼, at 3:03 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Champ Takuya Muguruma decided to move down to the bantamweight division and give up his crown after seven defenses. Muguruma, the WBC's 14th-ranked 118-pounder, is 23-1 with 17 kayoes. He wants to challenge Miguel Lora or Bernardo Pinango.

Mark, a black American working at Misawa Base Camp, dropped the taller Japanese with a well-timed right in the second round. He landed the same punch in the fatal session stoppage.

Horikoshi is 10-1 with seven kayoes. Nomaguchi the JBC's top contender, fell to 13-3 with 10 kayoes.

Yosuke Matsuoka, 116¾, decisioned Osamu Fukumoto, 117¾, eight.

Mitsunobu Goda, 128¼, stopped Isao Kunigami, 128½, at 1:08 of the first session in their eight.

Aiken Matsuyama Promotions.

(01-16-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Cheyenne Yamamoto, the Japanese lightweight champion, 135, was demolished by unheralded rookie Iwao Otomo, also 135, in 1:04 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

It was farewell to the national title for Cheyenne, the WBC's 29th-ranked 135-pounder, after five defenses (with four kayoes).

The younger Otomo overwhelmed the defending champ. Iwao, a Novice King tourney winner, floored Yamamoto with a left uppercut to the chin in round seven. Boring through the champ's retaliations, he downed Yamamoto twice in round eight, and twice more in the next session. Referee Shimakawa eventually called a halt.

Otomo, who scored an upset nod over ex-champ Yoshimitsu Azato in his previous bout, is now 11-1-1 with 10 kayoes. Cheyenne, the prohibitive favorite, fell to 22-8-6 with 15 knockouts.

Shunichi Nakajima, the JBC's second-ranked junior bantamweight, 116, battered the body of Hiroshi Yamamoto, 115¾, winning a onesided decision (100-91 and double 100-92), 10.

Nakajima is now 9-3 with five kayoes. Hiroshi fell to 13-12-2 with five knockouts.

Kokusai and Yonekura Promotions. Fuji TV.

(01-22-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

INDONESIA

▶**JAKARTA—Senayan Stadium**—Orlando Orozco, the Venezuelan welterweight champ, was awarded the WBC junior title, by virtue of a split (but popular) decision over Kai Siong, 12.

The WBC decided to establish this new championship for its 11th to 30th ranked boxers.

Orozco, who lost to Mark Breland, was befuddled by Siong's tight defense in the early stages. He finally solved the Indonesian's style, and piled up the points with solid punches.

Orozco improved his log to 13-4. Kai fell to 30-7-4. This was reportedly Kai's first loss to a foreign fighter after 13 wins.

JOE KOIZUMI

PHILIPPINES

▶**DAVAO DEL SUR**—Al Vargas, 130, chalked up a TKO win over Zagarias Dalisay, also 130, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Satur Yongco, referee.

Anthony Rendiza, 106, and Abdul Maraian, 105, drew six.

Promoter—William Sanchez.

GAB witness—Satur Yongco.

(11-01-86)

▶**MALAYBALY, BUKIDNON**—Jun Generale, 109, was held to a split draw with Danny Mapalad, 108, 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Don Calling, 110, eked out a split decision over Jun Ratunel, 110, eight.

Mesie Balesta, 110, stopped Eddie Cobrandor, also 110, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Promoter—Paper Tiu.

GAB witness—Julio B. Caldoza.

(11-02-86)

▶**MANDALUYONG, METRO MANILA**—Arie Duran, 136, the GAB's eighth ranked lightweight, scored a seventh round TKO over Bert Lozano, 138, in a scheduled 10. S. Abainza refereed.

Hibert Aragon, 125, the top Filipino featherweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Leo Almosa, 127½, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Romero Optiasa, 112, won from Danny Duran, 108½, eight.

Armando Tenoria, 106, won a majority duke over Salvador de Mesa, 106, six.

Mario Meracap, 118, decisioned Julius Olegario, 117½, six.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Dizon, Carlos Roman.

(11-07-86)

▶**OZAMIS—City Gymnasium**—Lito Villaflor, 116, the GAB's tenth ranked junior bantamweight, took a majority decision over Jun Edward, also 116, 10. Dodong Artajo refereed.

That was the only bout on the card.

Promoter—Ray Yabut.

GAB witness—Peter D. Beja.

(11-08-86)

▶**METRO MANILA—Ramada Hotel**—Pretty Boy Lucas, 104½, won the Filipino mini-flyweight title with a unanimous decision from Jun Afable, 104½, 12.

Afable, the WBC's 28th ranked light flyweight, could not cope with the challenger's aggressiveness. Larry Nadayag refereed.

Former IBF junior flyweight champ Dodie Boy Penalosa, 113, scored a TKO over Korean Young-Il Choi, 113½, at 1:29 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Bruce McTavish refereed.

Luisito Espinosa, 120, unanimously decisioned Bong-Ho Lee, 118½, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.

Elysser Bautista, 112, TKO'd Robert Palarity, 112, at 1:05 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.

Nick Dalisay, 110¾, unanimously decisioned Pinoy Igor, 109¾, 10.

Boy Samson, 115, won a unanimous nod over Louie Ganzales, 114, 10.

Rizaldy Ocampo, 106, stopped Edgar Capino, also 106, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Promoter—Benignom Orquico.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto C. Adriano, Rudy Perez.

(11-08-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Bernabe Aliping, 131, the GAB's second ranked junior lightweight, took a unanimous decision over Boy Abuela, 129¾, 10.

Sammy Baculong, 113, outscored Emil Romano, 112, 10.

Luis Milado, 131 stopped Danny Adangla, 129, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Carlos Castigador, 117, beat Tony Agalatiw, 118½, on points in the first 10.

Elmer Guevarra, 110, stopped Concon Duran, 125, in eight.

Joe Ruiz, 137, was awarded a majority decision over Joe Banal, 131, six.

Steve Nirza, 118, won from Eler Reyes, Jr., 112¾, six.

Promoter—Felizberto Jardenil, Sr.

GAB witness—Rodrigo Perez, Ricky F. Paulino.

(11-15-86)

▶**CABIAO, NUEVA ECIJA**—Lion Collins, 122, the GAB's fourth ranked junior featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Lorenzo Pormanes, 121, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Rex Rapiso, 111½, unanimously outscored Ric Santiago, 112, 10.

Armando Tenoria, 107, won from Danny Duran, 108, eight.

Rolando Pascua, 114, decisioned Felix Benedicto, 114, six.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Rey Lapena.

(11-15-86)

▶**TALVERA, NUEVA ECIJA**—Geron Porras, 122, the top Filipino junior lightweight contender, was held to a split draw by Albert Duldulao, 128, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.

Porras, in his next fight, went to Korea and won the OPBF junior lightweight crown with a stunning kayo over Sung-Yong Kim, the WBC's eighth ranked contender, in the 12th and final round.

Archie Garcia, 137, decisioned Pastor Arcaya, 133, 10.

Promoter—Felipe Austria.

GAB witness—Daz C. Adrionao.

(11-15-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rolando Bohol, 114, took a unanimous decision over veteran Manasseh Base, also 114, 10. Larry Nadayag refereed.

Jun Gavero, 123, won from Danilo Contado, 124, 10.

Billy Endrina, 122, outscored Tom Ramos, 124, 10.

Mon Desoloc, 147, decisioned Rey Estiller, 146, eight.

Jun Tichanon, 108, and Nilo Endic, 107 fought to a majority draw, eight.

Tiger Ari, 125, took a majority nod over Homer Munda, 123, six.

Mario Aliguen, 112, outpointed Ruben Daganon, 112½, six.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Pete Kaibigan.

(11-15-86)

▶**CEBU CITY—Coliseum**—Ruben Rabago, the former Filipino junior welterweight champ, 140¾, was held to a technical draw by Cisco Ferrer, 141¾, at 1:54 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Rabago suffered a deep cut on the left eyelid after an accidental butt. Luciano Babiera, Jr. refereed.

Poker Pelegrino, 123, won from Celso Boy Arregio also 123, 10.

Ranulfo Melencion, 111½, outscored Simson Tana, 113, eight.

Promoter—Lino H. Regner.

GAB witness—Aproniano O. Plenos.

(11-15-86)

▶**SURIGAO CITY**—Roger Quisaba, 128, won a majority decision over Jun Quizmco, 128, 10. Paquito Balaba refereed.

Boy Escartin, 135, fought to a split draw with veteran Erning Querobin, also 135, 10.

Jun Generale, 108, TKO'd Julius Aglo also 108, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Junie Calubag, 120, outpointed Arniel Baita, also 120, six.

GAB witness—Julio B. Caldoza.

(11-15-86)

▶**ILOILO CITY**—Filipino junior bantamweight champion, Constancio Dangla, 115, kept his crown with a unanimous decision over Joseph Ladipe, also 115, 12. Onofre Perez refereed.

Nelson Yacapin, 123, took a majority nod over Gilbert Albay, also 123, 10.

Edgar Inocencio, 110, won over Roger Inok, also 110, 10.

The defeat of Gilbert Albay, the GAB's second-ranked contender, was a startling upset.

Promoter—Roland Magahin.

GAB witness—Leonardo R. Angel.

(11-16-86)

▶**MAMBAJAO, CAMIGUIN—ABC Gymnasium**—Billy Pacto, 130, unanimously decisioned Fred, also 130, six.

Jaji Javian, 118, TKO'd Eril Baolayo, 118, in six.

Promoter—Ben Ebale.

GAB witness—Peter D. Beja.

(11-16-86)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 129, won a unanimous decision over Leo Sabanal, 130, 10. Satur Yongco refereed.

Danny Ortega, 119, won from Jerry Duran, also 119, 10.

Joseph Galagaran, 112, drew with Jun Estano, also 112, 10.

Promoter—Ben Hur Bedia.

GAB witness—Jaime P. Bata.

(11-24-86)

▶**GLAN, SOUTH COTABATO**—Geron Porras, 130, won a majority decision over Freddie Panerio, also 130, 10.

Ariel Duran, 133 eked out a split decision over Allan Baring, also 133, 10

Promoter—Cecilia Gido Pagaran.

GAB witness—Rodrigo Javier.

(11-25-86)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Edwin Inocencio, the GAB's top ranked mini-flyweight, 105, stopped Jun Labrador, 107, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Tim Ralantay, 116, and Mechaor Ardonia, drew 118, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(11-26-86)

▶**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Filipino featherweight champion Rudy Cabiles, 126, barely kept his crown. His fight with John Matienza, 123, was declared no contest in the ninth round of a scheduled 12. Vic Valdez refereed. Cabiles was leading on all three score cards after eight.

Little Bangoyan, Filipino junior featherweight kingpin, 122½, took a unanimous verdict over ex-OPBF junior bantam ruler William Develos, also 122½ 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Ric Bajelot, the GAB's third-ranked bantamweight 118, outscored Felix Enero, also 118, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Flash Emmanuel, 123, was awarded a technical decision over Willie Bernabas, 122½, in 10.

George Jardenil, 126½, TKO'd Mario Batester, 125, in the fifth session of a scheduled eight.

Rizalde Ocampo, 105½, unanimously outpointed Joel Revilla, 104, six.

Boy Selda, 110, knocked out Ernie Sumales, 110, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter—Alex Wangkay.

GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Ricky Paulino.

(11-28-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Momong Mana-ay, 126, the GAB's seventh ranked featherweight, chalked up a TKO victory over Fel Salvador, 137, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. The difference in weight, 11 pounds, Salvador to use 12-oz. gloves. It was a big handicap for the loser.

Albert Saxon, 132½, unanimously decisioned Gary Milanes, 131½, 10.

Venecio Esteban, 130, battled to a technical draw with Diego Lebante, also 130, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10.

Joseph Saljob, 112, eked out a split duke over Tarjohn Miro, 110¼, six.

Joseph Chan, 120, unanimously outscored Bayani Laput, 115½, six.

Promoter—Mike Maspil.

GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Carlos Roman.

(11-29-86)

▶**CAMPOSTERLA, DAVAO**—Arman Pecar, 148, won a unanimous decision over Fernando Gloria, 150, the GAB's fifth ranked welterweight, 150, 10. Joe Espinosa refereed.

Pepito Simblante, 118, stopped Samuel Idulsa, also 118, in the fourth session of the semifinal 10.

Young Rey, 110, took a majority nod over Jonathan Sallerda, also 110, six.

Promoter—Pedro Solis.

GAB witness—Romeo Fordaliza.

(11-29-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Loremer Pontino, 120, GAB's second ranked bantamweight, TKO'd Zaldy Baguio, also 120, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Eddie Siasico refereed.

Ray Paciones, the GAB's top flyweight contender, 113, won a unanimous nod over Rey Tarroza, 112, 10.

Edwin Projo, 113, stopped Mario Paroon, 115, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Carlos Parcia, 135, halted veteran Erning Querobin, 133, in the second session of the first 10.

Allan Morre, 110, TKO'd Ver Parcon, also 110, in the fourth canto of a scheduled six.

Al Alera, 116, won a unanimous verdict over Joe Surdilla, 117, in the six-round opener.

Promoter—Natividad Cabreros.

GAB witnesses—Rudy Javier, Jaime P. Mata.

(11-29-86)

▶**BUTAN CITY—Butan Gymnasium**—Sul Inting, 127, the GAB's 10th-ranked featherweight, defeated Boy Ligas, also 127, by a unanimous decision 10. Jimmy Butalid refereed.

Noel Toredo, 128, outscored Victor Sagaad, also 128, 10. Engr. Acanas refereed.

Jun Quiaco, 130, was a unanimous points winner over Ben Sarte, also 130, 10.

Anthony Rendeza, 108, won from Jover Cubillas, also 108, 10.

Promoter—Estrella Ochida.

GAB witness—Engr. Carlos Y. Sanchez.

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Lito Pena, 135, ranked eighth by the GAB, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Leonardo also 135, to become the new Filipino lightweight champion, 12. Baby Maurillo refereed.

Former WBC flyweight champ Frank Cedeno, much heavier than usual at 124, knocked out Flash Jordan, 126, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Rex Oliver, 120, won from Cil Pintacaci, 120, in the four-round opener.

Promoter—Roy Yabut.

GAB witness—Julio B. Caldoza.

(11-29-86)

▶**MANDAUE CITY—Floremer Cockpit Arena**—Rudy Patalinghug, 124, the GAB's fifth ranked featherweiaght, had his scheduled 10 with Nerlo Binondo, 127, declared no contest by referee Steve Blanco at 1:48 of the seventh round 10.

Roy Dignos, 105¼, TKO'd Molito Aputado, also 105¼, at 1:17 of the second session of a scheduled six.

Promoter—Rex Huakee Salud.
GAB witness—Leonardo R. Angel.
(11-30-86)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Elmer Cubilas, 118, the GAB fifth ranked bantamweight, battled to a majority draw with Mar Sumalinog, 119, 10.

Edgar Inocencio, 108, stopped Pablo Hoyle, 109, in the eighth session of their scheduled 10

Jerry Serra, 112, was awarded a technical decision over Joseph Galagaran, 110, in the ninth round of the 10-round opener.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
GAB witness—Jaime P. Mata.
(11-30-86)

▶**COMPOSTELA, DAVAO**—Former Filipino champ Jun Resma, 118, was held to a split draw by Teo Aradora, also 118, 10. Romeo Alfante refereed.

Triffon Torralba, 112, drew with Jessie Cambangay, also 112, in the third session of a scheduled 10. It was a technical draw.

Promoter—Domingo Arenas
GAB witness—Romeo Alfante.
(11-30-86)

▶**MARANG, BUKIDONON**—Jun Ramos, 143, the GAB's number four welterweight, scored a TKO over Ely Casino, also 143, in the fourth canto of a scheduled 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

German Illana, 112, knocked out Rex Cailing, also 112, in eight.

Erning Tinoy, 110, stopped Danny Malrin, 110, in the second session of the six-round opener.

Promoter—Bonifacio Hilario.
GAB witness—Julio B. Caldoza.
(11-30-86)

▶**ANGELES CITY**—Lule Ikeda Villaverde, Filipino junior lightweight champion, 131, proved too strong for Eddie Camero, 132, halting him at 2:55 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Referee Vic Valdez saved the loser from further punishment.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Leonardo Trinidad.
(11-30-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

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▶**FREMANTLE—Oval**—How can a boxer who is rated number 26 (seven rungs lower than a fellow Australian) be matched with an unranked kid from Thailand in a bout sanctioned for a world title? Silly, is it not? Last month we reported that Australian Tony Jones had met unranked Canadian Laurie Mann in Perth, Western Australia, in a bout billed for the WBC super lightweight junior title. We reported that the WBC withdrew sanction from the contest but that promoter Wayne Cuthbertson still billed it as a title tilt. Jones won by KO. This was one month after the same Jones was stopped in round six by Australian champion Pat Leglise in an Australian title defense by Leglise.

Now Cuthbertson has come up with another. The same Tony Jones was matched with Thailander Yodkwan Donjadee for the "vacant WBC super lightweight junior title." This one was sanctioned by the WBC. Why? Pat Leglise, in the January ratings of the WBC, was listed number 19, Jones number 26. Donjadee is not rated at all—which is not surprising because he was out of his depth against Jones. When he went to center ring for instructions someone called out: "He's only a boy."

Just 70 seconds after the first bell sent them on their way, the fight was over and the Thai was loser by a kayo. He was hit only once.

To call this—or any other contest between similarly rated and non-rated boxers—a world title fight is ridiculing titles. It is cheapening the word "champion."

By all means have championships between boxers rated from 11 to 30, but put them in their right perspective. For example, if there are boxers rated from Australia, Japan, Korea and Thailand in one division, let them fight in a tournament for the championship of Southeast Asia.

But to match number 26 against an unranked boy who showed so little ability, and to call the meeting a vacant world title fight is absolutely ridiculous.

In an eight-rounder, Matthew Smith drew with Lorne Lehman, two judges carding it a draw.

Over six, Kenn Dixon (now has two "ns" in his name) outpointing Ken Morris.

In another six, Brad Mogridge KO 5 Luke Warner.

Over four rounds, Dean Colbung outpointed Tom Gilmartin.
(01-27-87)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—Alex Temelkov, 162, drew with Peter Bryan, 161, over 10 hard fought and rough rounds. Decision was split, two judges carding a draw.

In another 10, Rudy Darno, 205, halted Johnny Taupau, 193,

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Champion
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5. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
6. James Kinchen (U.S.)
7. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
8. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
9. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
10. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
11. Juan C. Gimenez (Paraguay)
12. Don Lee (U.S.)
13. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
14. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
15. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
16. Frank Winterstein (France)
17. Frank Tate (U.S.)
18. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
19. John Collins (U.S.)
20. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
21. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
22. Charlie Boston (U.S.)
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25. Tony Thornton (U.S.)
26. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
27. Kevin Moley (U.S.)
28. Dario Mattioni (Argentina)
29. Mark McPherson (U.S.)
30. Sean Mannion (U.S.)

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Duane Thomas (U.S.)
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2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
4. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
5. Don Curry (U.S.)
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7. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
8. John Munduga (Uganda)
7. Said Skouma (France)
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9. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
10. Kenny Snow (Texas)
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12. Saad Skouma (France)
13. Gianfranco Rossi (Italy)
14. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)
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2. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
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Champion
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8. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
9. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
10. Vinnie Pazienza (U.S.)
11. Jesus Romero (Argentino)
12. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
13. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
14. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
15. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
16. John Montes (U.S.)
17. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
18. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
19. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
20. Rene Weller (Germany)

21. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
22. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
23. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
24. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan (U.S.)
25. Dale Artango (Australia)
26. Shane Knox (U.S.)
27. John Duplessis (U.S.)
28. Shelton LeBlanc (U.S.)
29. Walter Sims (U.S.)
30. Iwao Otomo (Japan)

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Champion
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)

1. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Juan LaPorte (U.S.)
4. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
5. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
6. Lester Ellis (Australia)
7. Mario Miranda (Columbia)
8. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
9. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
8. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
9. Geron Porras (Philippines)
10. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
11. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
12. Daniel Londas (France)
13. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
14. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
15. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
16. Dennis Cruz (Puerto Rico)
17. Pasqual Aranda (U.S.)
18. Ralphe Sims (U.S.)
19. Manuel Batista (Dominican Republic)
20. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
12. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
15. Felipe Julio (Columbia)
21. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
22. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
23. Vinnie Costello (U.S.)
24. Julio Miranda (Argentina)
25. Eduardo Galan (Argentina)
26. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
27. Tony Sichula (Zambia)
28. Tony Pep (Canada)
29. Tony Lopez (U.S.)
30. Pedro Gutierrez (Argentina)

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)

1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
3. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
6. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
7. Jose Mario Lopez (Argentina)
8. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
9. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
10. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)
11. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
12. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
13. Osmar Avila (Argentina)
14. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
15. Joe Ruelas (U.S.)
16. Ki-Yong Chung (Korea)
17. Danilo Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
18. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
19. Richard Savage (U.S.)
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Champion
Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)

1. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
2. Harold Petty (U.S.)
3. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
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BANTAMWEIGHTS

Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)

1. Ki-Youl Kang (Korea)
2. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
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15. Enrique Sanchez (Mexico)
16. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
17. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
18. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
19. Ciro de Leva (Italy)
20. Raul Perez (Mexico)
21. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
22. Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)
23. Diego Avila (Mexico)
24. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
25. James Manning (U.S.)
26. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
27. Luis Gomez (France)
28. Yung-Duk Park (Korea)
29. Ali Camacho (Venezuela)
30. Naoto Takahashi (Japan)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)

1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
4. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
5. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
6. Juan Polo Perez (Columbia)
7. Alberto Castro (Columbia)
8. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
9. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
10. Antoine Montero (France)
11. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
12. Michael Parrish (Guyana)
13. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
14. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
15. Eudo Bermudez (Columbia)
16. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
17. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
18. Mike Moreno (U.S.)
19. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
20. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
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28. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
29. Chun Huh (Korea)
30. Soon-Chun Kwong (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)

1. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
2. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
7. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
8. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
9. Miguel Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)
10. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
11. Paul Gonzales (U.S.)
12. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
13. Rafael Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
14. Hideaki Kamishiro (Japan)
15. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
16. Thanomsak Singboebae (Thailand)
17. Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
18. Koji Nishikawa (Japan)
19. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
20. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
21. Ray Medel (U.S.)
22. Nana Konadu (Ghana)
23. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
24. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
25. Orlando Canizales (U.S.)
26. Gilberto Sosa (Mexico)
27. Fernando Vargues (Mexico)
28. Soon-Chun Kwong (Korea)
29. Romy Navarrete (Philippines)
30. Alonzo Gonzalez (U.S.)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)

1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
5. Eduardo Tunon (Panama)
6. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
7. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
8. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
9. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
10. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
11. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
12. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
13. Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)
14. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
15. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
16. Roy Thompson (Panama)
17. Little Baguio (Philippines)
18. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
19. German Torres (Mexico)
20. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
21. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
22. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
23. Pretty Boy Lucas (Philippines)
24. Agapito Gomez Alvarado (Spain)
25. Willy Salazar (Mexico)
26. Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)
27. Hector Patri (Argentina)
28. Memo Flores (Mexico)
29. Jose Badilla (Chile)
30. Hasik Lim (Korea)

at the end of round seven. Good fight. Taupau's corner withdrew him at the end of the seventh stanza because he had been punished in that round and was on the odds to a hiding in the next.

Alex Tui, 163¼, KO 8 Joe Knight, 165¾. The count-out came at 40 seconds of the round. Bout was scheduled for eight.

IBF world bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech boxed six entertaining rounds in exhibition with his gym-mate, Peter Mitrevski, who holds the NSW State flyweight title.

Guy Waters is the new Australian light heavyweight champion by virtue of his 12-round decision over Garry Hubble in Moore Park.

▶**MOORE PARK—Herdern Pavilion, Sydney Showground**—The Australian light heavyweight title changed hands this night when Garry Hubble lost it to Guy Waters by unanimous decision, 12.

Waters won by boxing on the backmove while Hubble just chased him instead of cutting the ring space.

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Guy Waters now joins his brother Dean, who holds the Australian and OPBF heavyweight crowns.

In an entertaining and hard-hitting 10-round light heavyweight eliminator, Jeff Harding stopped Emmanuel Otti when Otti's corner threw in the towel at the end of round four. No knockdowns but certainly a punch-fest. Harding was ahead on points at the end.

Weights in the two light heavy fights: Waters, 171. Hubble, 175; Harding, 172; Otti, 167.

In an eight-rounder between Australian junior welter champ Pat Leglise and fellow Aussie Wilf Gentzen, a cut eye intervened and ended the contest at the end of round five. Champ Pat had a very bad cut and the doctor refused to allow him to continue. Not much in the points at the time, but Leglise looked the likely winner.

In another eight, Renato Cornett, 133, outpointed Craig Pevy, 130½, in a fast and entertaining contest.

In a scheduled four, Junior Taupau, 161, KO 3 Rocky Colussi, 159.

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▶**NOTES**—Australian Jeff Fenech relinquished his IBF world bantam title February 9. On March 13, he will meet WBC super bantamweight king Samart Payakaroon for the latter's title. Fenech should win that fight, but it will be a good one.

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by CHARLIE SPINA

Henry Armstrong

HENRY ARMSTRONG IS CONSIDERED one of, if not the, greatest fighters of all time. Born Henry Jackson on December 12, 1912 in Columbus, Mississippi, Armstrong began his career fighting under the name of Melody Jackson. Oddly enough, he lost his first pro fight when Al Iovino stopped him in the third round in North Braddock, Pennsylvania on July 27, 1931. After one more bout, a six-round decision over Sammy Burns, Henry and his brother hopped a freight train and traveled west to California in 1932.

It was in California that Armstrong really began his career in earnest, beating the likes of Baby Manuel, Perfecto Lopez, Johnny DeFoe, Davey Abad, Baby Arizmendi, Midget Wolgast, Richie Fontaine, Juan Zurita and Mike Belloise.

Henry was managed by Wirt Ross, who subsequently sold his contract to Eddie Mead. Mead was instrumental in making Armstrong the most talked about fighter of his era. He had Henry fight in small clubs as well as large arenas, giving various promoters around the country the opportunity of showing Armstrong to the local fans.

In 1937, Armstrong scored an amazing 26 knockouts in 27 bouts. The only man to last the full distance was Aldo Spoldi, who lost on points over 10 rounds in New York City.

Of course, Armstrong's greatest feat was the fact that he was the only man in boxing history to hold three world titles at the same time. He won the featherweight crown from Petey Sarron via a sixth round knockout on October 29, 1937 in Madison Square Garden. Next, Henry outpointed Barney Ross over 15 rounds to win the welterweight title on May 31, 1938 at the Garden Bowl in Long Island City. Then, in his very next match, he captured the lightweight title by outpointing Lou Ambers over 15 rounds on August 17 at MSG.

Armstrong also tried for the middleweight title against Ceferino Garcia on March 1, 1940 in Los Angeles. Garcia retained the title by the narrowest of margins when the fight was declared a 10-round draw.

One by one, Henry lost all three of his titles. He relinquished the featherweight belt right before he challenged Garcia. Then, Ambers regained the 135-pound title, outpointing Armstrong over 15 rounds in 1939, leaving Henry with just the welterweight belt. He held onto it until October 4, 1940 when Fritzie Zivic won a 15-round decision in New York. Though he was stopped by Zivic in a rematch the next year, Henry kept fighting until February 14, 1945 when he lost a 10-rounder to Chester Slider in Oakland, California.

Overall, Armstrong had 181 pro bouts. He won 152 (100 by kayo), lost 21 and fought eight draws. He was stopped just twice, by Iovino and Zivic. Henry managed fighters for a while after he retired from the ring, but later became a preacher and is still involved in evangelistic work. He was elected to *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame in 1954.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:

Former heavyweight contender Patsy Perroni, who fought in the 1930s, is very sick. It would be nice if some of his friends and old fans dropped him a line at his home address: 7 Georgetown Lane, Hazlet, N.J. 07730. Patsy was one of the few men who went the distance with the immortal Joe Louis back in 1935. Perroni also fought Mike McTigue, Maxie Rosenbloom, Tom Heeny and Tony Galento. He was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame in 1973 and is a former president of VBA Ring 34 of Central New Jersey . . . Trainers Georgie Benton and Slim Jim Robinson were both honored recently at a black-tie affair at Palumbo's in Philadelphia for their long and meritorious service to the sport of boxing . . . I recently heard from Sam Cohen, former boxing writer who is now working as a press agent. Sam is also a former ring announcer. He was the Connecticut Boxing Guild's "Man of the Year" in '85 and is currently working as Public Information Specialist for Elderly Services in the city of New Haven.

THE FINAL ROUND:

Julie Kogan, 69, former lightweight during the 30s and 40s, died December 20, 1986 in Pompano Beach, Florida. A hard hitter, Krogan traded punches with Willie Pep, Petey Scalzo and Johnny Bellus, just to name a few. He will long be remembered by his fans in New Haven where he fought many an exciting bout at the old Arena . . . Tex Sullivan recently passed away. Tex was a promoter and manager during the 40s and 50s. Among the fighters he managed were: Lee Oma, Pete Mead, Young Kid McCoy, Billy Soose, Georgie Kochan, Nathan Mann, Danny Kapilow and Vince Fratello . . . Philadelphia lost two of its former fistic heroes when Mike Evans, 74, and Frankie Caris, 73, died recently. Evans, who was born Matthew Evanich, claimed more than 200 pro bouts. He fought both Sugar Ray Robinson and Bob Montgomery. Caris was a good 160-pounder who once fought Gus Lesnevich . . . Al Stillman, 83, who lost three 10-round bouts to light heavyweight champion Maxie Rosenbloom, died in St. Louis on December 6, 1986. Stillman also fought Jimmy Braddock twice. May they all rest in peace. □

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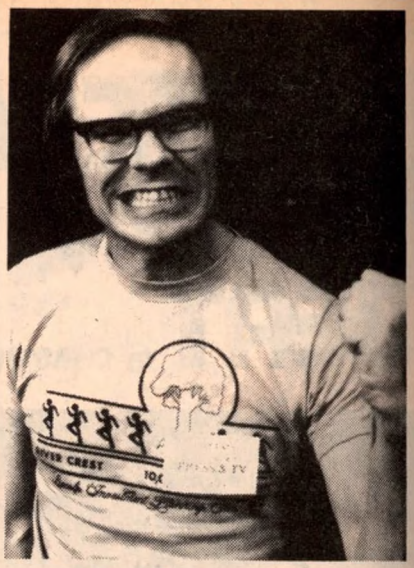

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Mike Tyson W12 James Smith
(Won WBA Title)
Tyrell Biggs TKO6 David Bey
George Foreman TKO4 Steve Zouski
Bert Cooper TKO2 Willie de Wit
Rodney Frazier TKO5 Ken Lakusta
Dwight Muhammad Qawi KO4 Sixto Maldonado
Mike Williams TKO7 Bill Thomas
James Tillis KO5 Ron Douglas
Francesco Damiani KO1 Eddie Gregg
Orlin Norris W10 Rufus Hadley
Wimpy Halstead KO3 Mickey Pryor

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Carlos DeLeon TKO5 Angelo Rottoli
(Retained WBC Title)
Evander Holyfield TKO7 Henry Tillman
(Retained WBA Title)
Roy Smith W12 Andy Straughn
(Won British Title)
Peter Bunting KO3 Danny Hassan
Arthel Lawhorn W10 Johnny Davis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Thomas Hearns TKO10 Dennis Andries
(Won WBC Title)
Bobby Czyz KO2 Willie Edwards
(Retained IBF Title)
Jim MacDonald KO2 Rusty Rosenberger
Pat Strachan W10 Matthew Saad Muhammad
Tony Morrison TKO5 Jerry Harris
Joe McKnight TKO3 Jimmy Ellis Jr.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Jose Quinones TKO3 Doug DeWitt
Iran Barkley W10 Stacy McSwain
Fred Hutchings W10 Sean Mannion
Robbie Sims D10 Tim Williams
Michael Nunn TKO6 Willie Harris
Kevin Moley TKO2 Derrick Drane
Darnell Knox KO3 David Barrow
Tony Thornton TKO6 Basante Blanco

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Donald Curry DQ5 Tony Montgomery
(Won USBA Title)
Jack Callahan W12 Schoolboy Jimmy Baker
David Braxton W10 Darryl Spain

WELTERWEIGHTS
Lloyd Honeyghan TKO2 Johnny Bumphus
(Retained IBF Title)
Mark Breland KO7 Harold Volbrecht
(Won WBA Title)
Tommy Ayers TKO5 Luis Santana
(Won USBA Title)
Marlon Starling W10 Pedro Villela
Fujio Ozaki KO4 Hikaru Tomonari
(Won Japanese Title)
Jaime Ollenberger W10 Mario Rodriguez
Donovan Boucher W10 Denis Sigouin

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Almost like a lesson from a boxing textbook, Breland (left) sidesteps a right hook from Volbrecht and hooks to the belly.

Hugh Kearney TKO7 Ali Salaam
Angel Cruz TKO2 Mike Salgado
Mauricio Rodriguez W10 Eduardo Brillones

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Terry Marsh TKO10 Joe Manley
(Won IBF Title)
Roger Brown W10 Harry Arroyo
Thomas N'Kalankete TKO9 Tony Laing
(Won European Title)
Frankie Warren W10 Gene Hatcher
Howard Davis Jr. W10 Othal Dixon
OJ Celestine W12 Ricky Clements
Harold Stewart W10 Ramon Santana
Peter Crook W8 Dean Bramhald
Harold Brazier KO2 Ray Myers
Harold Brazier W12 John Meekins
(Retained NABF Title)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Vinny Pazienza TKO10 Roberto Elizondo
Tony Pep W10 John Kalbhenn
Meldrick Taylor W10 Roque Montoya
Mario Martinez TKO3 Jimmy Jackson
Gert Bo Jacobson KO1 Joey Joynson
Tony Willis W8 Keith Parry
Kwon-Shik Kim D10 Kil-Suk Chun
Edwin Rosario KO2 Fred Brown
(Non-title)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Tiger Michigami KO2 Wolf Sato
(Won Japanese Title)
Billy Young KO1 Jose Rivera
Billy Young TKO4 Roderick Thompson
Daniel Blanco TKO7 Edgar Muniz

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Azumah Nelson KO6 Mauro Gutierrez
(Retained WBC Title)
Antonio Esparragoza KO12 Steve Cruz
(Won WBA Title)
Chan-Mok Park W10 Shil-Il Kim
(Won Korean Title)
Jae-Yong Hwang KO1 Won-Kyung Kim
(Retained Oriental Title)
Steve McCrory KO5 James Tolliver

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jorge Diaz W10 Jorge Rodriguez
Jesus Salud W10 Allan Makitori

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Billy Hardy TKO3 Ray Gilbody
(Won British Title)
Brian Holmes W8 Kevin Downer

FLYWEIGHTS
Dodie Penalosa TKO5 Hi-Sup Shin
(Won IBF Title)
Ramon Medal TKO8 Henry Brent
(Won USBA Title)
Fidel Bassa W15 Hilario Zapata
(Won WBA Title)
Seiji Tomari KO6 Masaru Yoshimoto
Kenji Ono D4 Takeo Onishi

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FOR PINKLON THOMAS
Former WBC heavyweight champion

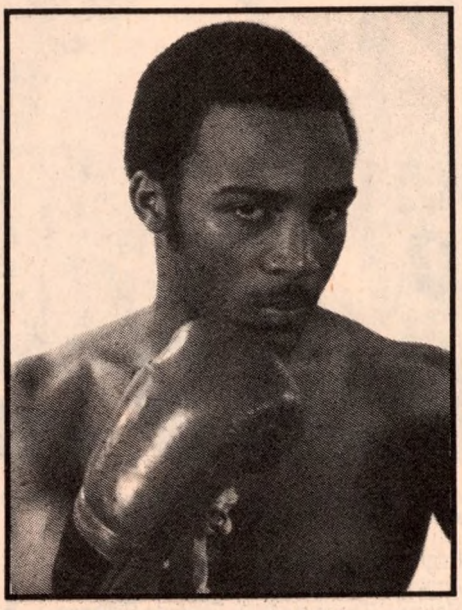
Q: Why did you pull out of your scheduled bout with Carl Williams?
L.K., BOSTON, MASS.

A: I had a back injury that prevented me from training properly. I wasn't 100 percent when I lost the title to Trevor Berbick and I wasn't going to make the same mistake again.

FOR GEORGE FOREMAN
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: What makes you think you can have a successful comeback after being away from boxing for so many years?
M.D.J., NEW YORK CITY

A: I'm better now than I was 10 years ago. My power is still there. And it's amazing, but I'm doing things in the gym that I couldn't do when I was champion.



FOR JAMES (BUDDY) McGIRT
Junior welterweight contender

Q: I'm a big fan of yours, but I was very disappointed in the way you looked outpointing Eric Martin at the Felt Forum recently. What happened?
P.H., BRENTWOOD, N.Y.

A: I just couldn't get to him. He was all over the place. I was frustrated and more mentally tired than physically. But I'm glad I won and the experience of that frustration will help me. I'll know how to handle something like that the next time.

FOR FLOYD PATTERSON
Former world heavyweight champion

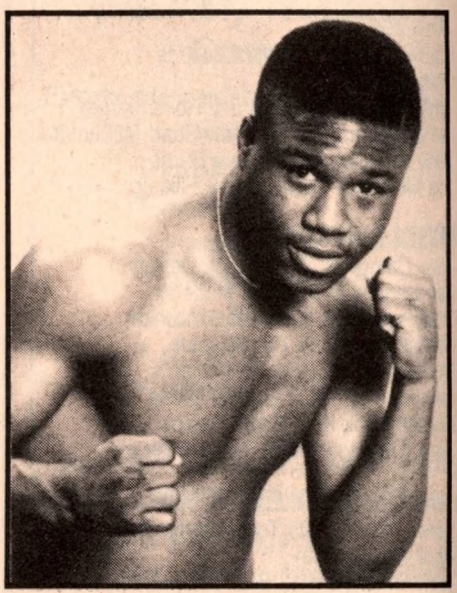
Q: What was the toughest thing about being the heavyweight champ?
T.G., DALLAS, TX.

A: You're in demand to go here and there, to do press interviews. I didn't have the confidence to do all that, so I ran away from it. I stayed in my training camp. I became a boxing hermit.

FOR ANGELO DUNDEE
Trainer of champions

Q: Who were the greatest fighters of all time?
S.O., ORLANDO, FL

A: I'm not into that who-was-better-than-who business, but I don't think anyone can argue that the following fighters must rate with the cream of the crop: Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Robinson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Willie Pep and Rocky Marciano.



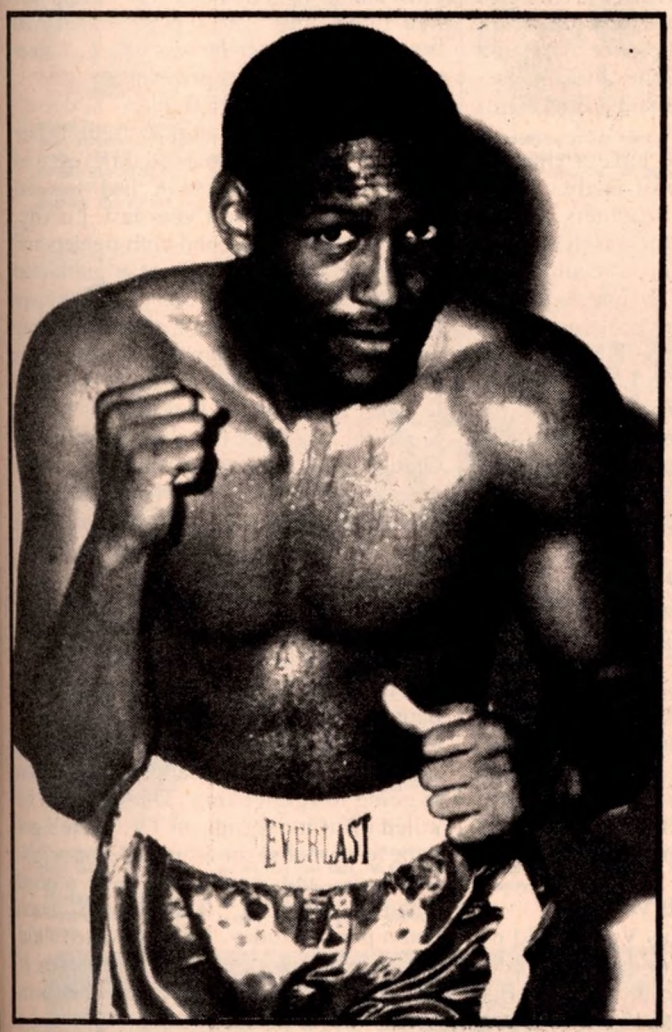
FOR MELDRICK TAYLOR
Undefeated lightweight contender

Q: I'm a young boxer just beginning my amateur career and I really like your style of fighting. Can you give me any tips?
M.J., SAN DIEGO, CA

A: Yes, work the body. Most boxers don't realize that the body is the weakest part. A good hook to the ribs can do as much damage as an overhand right to the chin.

SHERMAN GRIFFIN
CRUISERWEIGHT

HOUSTON-BASED JAB PROMOTIONS IS HAVING GREAT success with cast-offs from the better-known HBA stable. First, they adopted heavyweight Michael Williams after he failed to impress at HBA and turned him into one of the most talked about prospects in the country. However, their most recent reclamation project—cruiserweight Sherman Griffin—threatens to be even more impressive . . . Griffin was National ABF light heavyweight champion in '82, and lost to Evander Holyfield in the 1984 Olympic box-offs. Since turning pro, he has tallied a 9-1 record, scoring eight wins inside the distance. His only loss came in his second pro bout when he was outpointed over four rounds by Everett (Big Foot) Martin. Since then, it's been all wins . . . According to Mike Holt, president of JAB Promotions, Griffin "fears no cruiserweight in the world and will beat Holyfield if they meet again in the pros." . . . Griffin has a flashy style that has earned him the nickname of "Sweet" . . . "Sometimes he showboats a bit," said Holt, "but the Texas fans really love him. He's poetry in motion, and can fight just as well on the inside as at long range." . . . Griffin, 22, is trained by Henry Harris, brother of former heavyweight contender Roy Harris. □



GLENWOOD BROWN
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

GLENWOOD BROWN HAS A LOT TO LIVE UP TO. HE WAS listed as one of 1986's top prospects by practically everybody in the business, including *The Ring*. A native of Plainfield, New Jersey, Brown enjoyed an excellent amateur career (82-11 with 50 kayoes) that included three Amateur Boxing Federation Championships ('80, '82 and '83), a New Jersey Golden Glove Championship ('84), and a New York Golden Glove Open Championship ('86) . . . It was during the New York G.G. that Madison Square Garden matchmaker Bobby Goodman spotted Glenwood and told manager Mike Jones he felt Brown was the best pro prospect in the Gloves . . . "Glenwood called me and we met," said Jones. "I liked him, his family, and his attitude. I have a good feeling about Glenwood. Nobody gets bored or falls to sleep when he fights. He's very exciting." . . . Brown, 20, turned pro in June of '86 and has streaked to eight straight victories (six via knockout), becoming a favorite with the fans both in New York City and Atlantic City . . . "Glenwood refuses to lose," said Jones. "He had trouble with Vic Davis because he was so tall and such a good boxer. But Glenwood overcame all that with sheer determination to knock Davis down in the third and win a decision." . . . Brown, who also works as a machinist, is co-managed by Jim Fennell and trained by John Davenport . . . Brown is a great admirer of WBC heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and hopes to follow in Tyson's footsteps. He certainly couldn't have picked a better role model. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

TED WALKER (promoter)

YOU COULD KISS THE SPORT OF BOXING good-bye if there weren't men like Ted Walker around. Now 69 years old, living in a trailer park in Carson City, Nevada, Walker has spent his life in boxing. Walker has been a manager, trainer, promoter and matchmaker, working in nearly 200 towns over the western states. He likes to read. That's how he discovered boxing.

Some 58 years ago, Ted Walker was riding a horse to school along a dirt road in the farmland of Montana. Nailed to a fence rail was a boxing poster. Walker got off his horse and read every word. A few days later, he skipped school to see his first fight card.

"I walked 17 miles and hitchhiked 25 to get to Livingston to see the fights," he remembered. "Everything I saw was exciting to me. The noise of the crowd, the fighters getting their hands wrapped, the men working the corner. All of it. It took me till almost the next night to get home. From that day on I knew I was going to be in boxing. I used to talk about it all the time. Always I wanted to learn. I fell in love with the sport."

Walker has never managed or trained a world champion, let alone many name fighters. He supported himself as a steam engineer and had no desire to become a big shot in boxing.

"Hell, I'm just a redneck, a country guy," he said, happily. Walker is friendly, but not looking to impress anyone. A bit out of shape, he has a large belly resting on his lap. He wears clothes that a closet would kick out. He hates suits. Prizefighting is his passion.

"I've never looked to have a champion," he said, matter-of-factly. "I've worked with hundreds of fighters and the only thing I ever looked for was the chance to make some kid into a main event fighter. Never lead a guy into believing he can go further than he can. That's shameful. If you handle a fighter, you're responsible for part of his life. Never lie. If the poor kid knows it or not, he's trusting you with his life. Unfortunately, there's a lot of lousy managers and trainers in the game. All it takes to get a license is $50. I've learned never to socialize with my fighters. If you get too close, they'll end up telling you what to do."

The worst thing that ever happened to Ted Walker in boxing was presented to him by one of the best fighters he ever had, Eddie Chavez of San Jose. In 1950, Chavez was "buzzed" as they say, taken away by manager Sid Flaretty of San Francisco. Walker had guided Chavez through the amateurs and after a year as a pro Chavez was undefeated. Chavez signed with Flattery and was given a new Chevrolet in return.

"I felt betrayed," said Walker.

The big casinos in Las Vegas hold no charm to Walker. He doesn't like seeing fights there and hates boxing on television. Ted gets angry thinking about closed circuit shows. Seven years ago he had a fighter on a card in Arco, Idaho and there were only five paying customers! "It was kind of a lonely evening," he said, and you can tell that he's talking about the sport, not himself.

Walker's idea of a boxing card is the annual 4th of July show he promotes at an outdoor arena in Gardnerville, Nevada. Once a baseball field, it's now known as Cow Pasture Stadium. What Walker has created is an old-fashioned country carnival, an open air festival. Although it makes money for Walker, what the show really does is bathe his soul in splendor.

"That's boxing to me," he said, "I started it 14 years ago, putting on seven or eight fights. There's concessions, and music, and food. After the first year, I changed the name to Cow Pasture because there were cows grazing in this pasture on one side and I saw them looking over the fence."

When Walker was a teenager he set up a boxing ring and would spar with young farm hands and cowboys. He's been married three times. He's gone broke. And been cheated. When he was young, Walker tried to make it as a prizefighter.

"I wasn't much of a fighter," he doesn't mind saying. It took him 46 fights before he quit. "I didn't have good reflexes. And not much of a punch. I had seasonal hayfever and I wasn't very fast. Luckily, I was around some good club fighters and they kept me in place. I never got fooled into thinking I could go very far. The town I came from was called Callaton Gateway and it was small enough to spit across even if the wind was blowing in your face. I took fighters to Hollywood Legion Stadium, then later on to Madison Square Garden, and then to Wembley Arena. I got to meet guys like Whitey Bimstein, Charlie Goldman, Freddie Brown. Great men. Men who helped boxing."

Every boxing person in California knows who Ted Walker is. Some people say he's kind of bitter. "Sure, nothing's perfect," Walker reasoned, "but I get worried about the fight game. Things that have happened to it make me mad. I love it every bit as much as when I was young and I don't want it to disappear. Television is going to ruin boxing. The sport will be killed off if it depends on TV. There's got to be local clubs, shows in different neighborhoods, and there's got to be a good amateur program. There's too much damn politics today. I love to watch a kid come along, watch him develop even if he's not mine—and then watch him win a big fight one night." □

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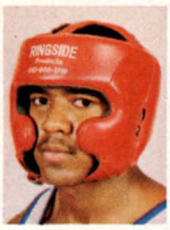

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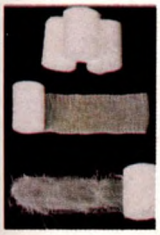

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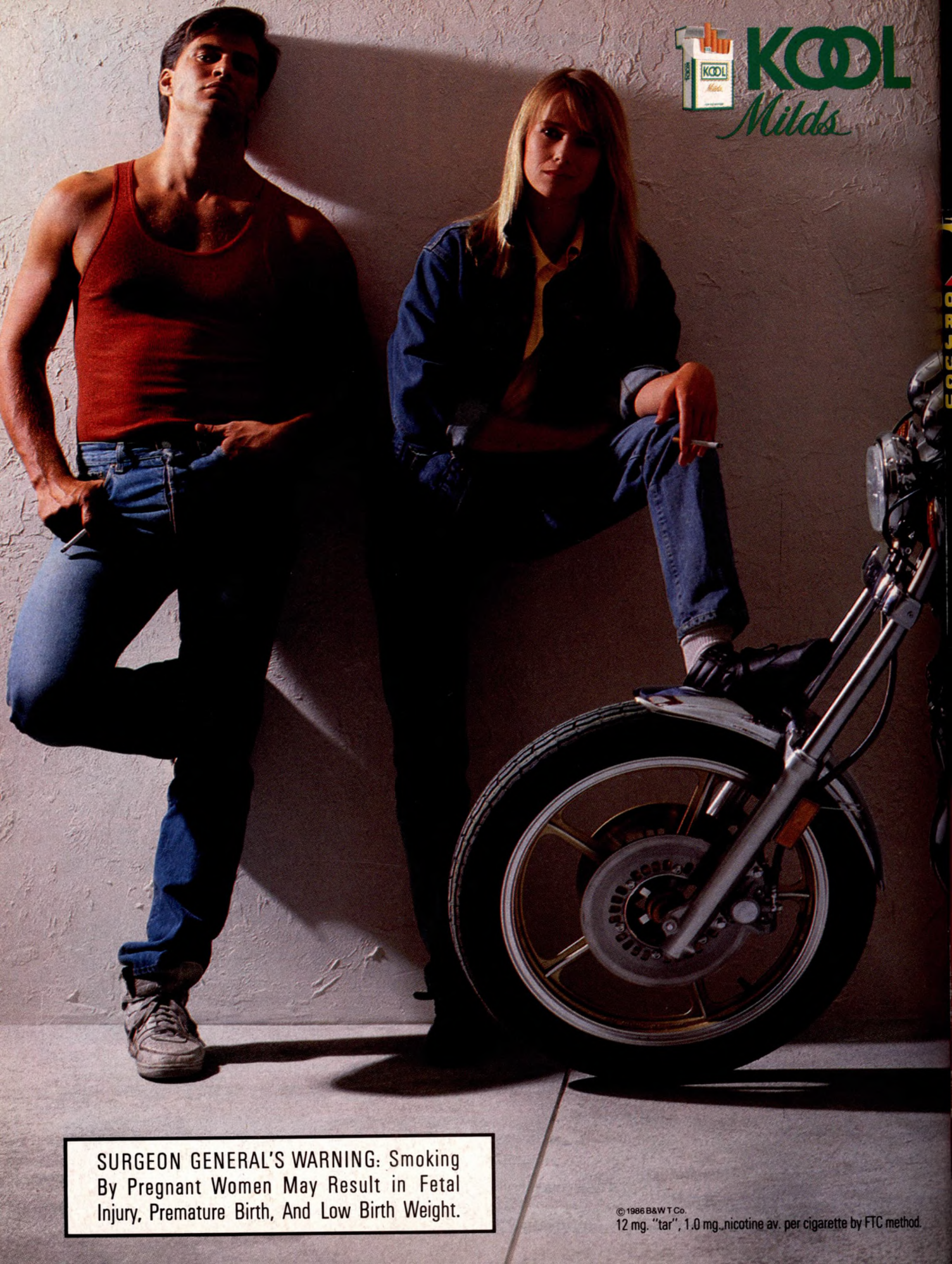

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